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It provides information on the adoption of legislative and non-legislative acts, including:

- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
- the Official Journal reference,
- reference to the minutes of the Council session when the act was adopted.

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INFORMATION ON THE ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER 2020	
Written procedure completed on 4 September 2020	CM 3397/20
<i>Council Decision further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702 and (EU) 2020/970, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253 of 4 September 2020 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702 and (EU) 2020/970, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union OJ L 294, 8.9.2020, p. 1–2	9962/20
Written procedure completed on 7 September 2020	CM 3191/20
<i>Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2012/232/EU authorising Romania to apply measures derogating from Article 26(1)(a) and Article 168 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1262 of 4 September 2020 amending Implementing Decision 2012/232/EU authorising Romania to apply measures derogating from Article 26(1)(a) and Article 168 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax OJ L 296, 10.9.2020, p. 6–7	9932//20
Written procedure completed on 7 September 2020	CM 3195/20
<i>Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1855 authorising Romania to apply a special measure derogating from Article 287 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1260 of 4 September 2020 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1855 authorising Romania to apply a special measure derogating from Article 287 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax OJ L 296, 10.9.2020, p. 1–3	9934/20

Written procedure completed on 7 September 2020	CM 3197/20
<i>Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2408 authorising the Republic of Latvia to apply a special measure derogating from Article 287 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1261 of 4 September 2020 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2408 authorising the Republic of Latvia to apply a special measure derogating from Article 287 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1261 of 4 September 2020 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2408 authorising the Republic of Latvia to apply a special measure derogating from Article 287 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax OJ L 296, 10.9.2020, p. 4–5	9936/20
Written procedure completed on 4 September 2020	CM 3418/20
<i>Council Decision adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2020</i> Council Decision of 4 September 2020 adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 7 of the European Union for the financial year 2020 2020/C 298 I/01 OJ C 298I, 8.9.2020, p. 1–2	10268/20
Written procedure completed on 7 September 2020	CM 3293/20
<i>Council Decision amending Decision 2012/392/CFSP on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger)</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1254 of 7 September 2020 amending Decision 2012/392/CFSP on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) OJ L 294, 8.9.2020, p. 3–4	9612/20
Written procedure completed on 7 September 2020	CM 3443/20
North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation (NASCO) Intersessional Meeting of the NASCO COUNCIL, 9-11 September	10480/20
Written procedure completed on 7 September 2020	CM 3439/20
Public access to documents - Confirmatory application No 18/c/01/20	9892/20

Written procedure completed on 7 September 2020	CM 3193/20
<i>Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2013/680/EU authorising the Kingdom of Denmark and the Kingdom of Sweden to extend the application of a special measure derogating from Articles 168, 169, 170 and 171 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1277 of 9 September 2020 amending Implementing Decision 2013/680/EU authorising the Kingdom of Denmark and the Kingdom of Sweden to extend the application of a special measure derogating from Articles 168, 169, 170 and 171 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax OJ L 300, 14.9.2020, p. 35–36	9933/20
Written procedure completed on 10 September 2020	CM 3409/20
<i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1269 of 10 September 2020 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine OJ L 298, 11.9.2020, p. 23–41	9721/20
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1267 of 10 September 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine OJ L 298, 11.9.2020, p. 1–20	9723/20
Written procedure completed on 11 September 2020	CM 3510/20
Council position on draft amending budget No 8 to the general budget for 2020: Increase of payment appropriations for the Emergency Support Instrument to finance the COVID-19 vaccines strategy and for the impact of the Corona Response Investment Initiative Plus	10376/20

Written procedure completed on 11 September 2020	CM 3499/20
Intention not to raise objections to Commission Delegated Regulation of 14.7.2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to fees charged by the European Securities and Markets Authority to central counterparties established in third countries	9648/20
Intention not to raise objections to Commission Delegated Regulation of 14.7.2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the criteria that ESMA should take into account to determine whether a central counterparty established in a third-country is systemically important or likely to become systemically important for the financial stability of the Union or of one or more of its Member States	9651/20
Intention not to raise objections to Commission Delegated Regulation of 14.7.2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the minimum elements to be assessed by ESMA when assessing third-country CCPs' requests for comparable compliance and the modalities and conditions of that assessment	9657/20 + ADD 1
Written procedure completed on 11 September 2020	CM 3459/20
Approval of four ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Statements	10426/20
Written procedure completed on 14 September 2020	CM 3452 /20
Council Decision on the signing and conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and the United Nations for the Provision of Mutual Support in the context of their respective missions and operations in the field	7714/20 + 7715/20
Written procedure completed on 18 September 2020	CM 3542 /20
<i>Council Decision implementing authorising the United Kingdom to express its consent, in its own capacity, to be bound by certain international agreements to be applied during the transition period in the area of the Union's common fisheries policy</i> Council implementing decision (EU) 2020/1305 of 18 September 2020 authorising the United Kingdom to express its consent, in its own capacity, to be bound by certain international agreements to be applied during the transition period in the area of the Union's common fisheries policy OJ L 305, 21.9.2020, p. 27–29	10583/20

Written procedure completed on 18 September 2020	CM 3585/20
<i>Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025</i> Council Decision of 21 September 2020 appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems 2020/C 315 I/01 OJ C 315I, 23.9.2020, p. 1–4	10463/20
3768th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries) held in Brussels on 21 September 2020 (Minutes: 11006/20)	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
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<i>Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union Waters</i> Council Regulation (EU) 2020/1323 of 21 September 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in Union and non-Union waters OJ L 311, 25.9.2020, p. 2–5	10455/20
<i>Council Decision on the EU position in the Convention on Future Multilateral Co-operation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries as regards the accession by the United Kingdom</i> Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the framework of the Convention on Future Multilateral Co-operation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries as regards the application for accession to that Convention submitted by the United Kingdom, and repealing Decision (EU) 2019/510	10570/20
<i>Council Decision on the EU position in the International Grains Council concerning the accession of the UK to the Grains Trade Convention, 1995</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1324 of 21 September 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Grains Council concerning the accession of the United Kingdom to the Grains Trade Convention, 1995 OJ L 311, 25.9.2020, p. 6–7	10349/20

3769th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Foreign Affairs) held in Brussels on 21 September 2020 (Minutes: 11007/20)	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT
<i>Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic - UN transposition</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/408 of 17 March 2020 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic OJ L 308, 22.9.2020, p. 3–3	10166/20
Council Regulation (EU) 2020/1311 of 21 September 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic OJ L 308, 22.9.2020, p. 1–2	10172/20
<i>Restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo - UN update: pre-notification</i> Notice for the attention of certain persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP and Council Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo 2020/C 314/03 OJ C 314, 22.9.2020, p. 3–3	10618/20
<i>Burundi restrictive measures - pre-notifications</i> Notice for the attention of certain persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763, and in Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi 2020/C 314/04 OJ C 314, 22.9.2020, p. 4–4	10632/20
Council Decision authorising the High Representative to open negotiations for an Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Peru establishing a framework for its participation in EU crisis management operations ('Framework Participation Agreement')	9875/20

<i>Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</i> Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1310 of 21 September 2020 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ L 305I, 21.9.2020, p. 5–8	10655/20
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1309 of 21 September 2020 implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ L 305I, 21.9.2020, p. 1–4	10657/20
<i>Council Decision concerning the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues - budget</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1313 of 21 September 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues OJ L 308, 22.9.2020, p. 4–4	10495/20
3770th meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs) held in Brussels on 22 September 2020 (Minutes: 11008/20)	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT
<i>Council Decision approving the external auditors of the Central Bank of Suomen Pankki</i> Council Decision amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Suomen Pankki	10339/20
<i>Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Croatia external border</i> Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Croatia on fulfilling the conditions necessary for the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external borders (revisit land border)	10798/20

Written procedure completed on 25 September 2020	CM 3714/20
<i>Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the 66th session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization in relation to the envisaged adoption of Classification Opinions, classification decisions, amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes or other advice on the interpretation of the Harmonized System and recommendations to secure uniformity in the interpretation of the Harmonized System under the Harmonized System Convention</i> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1410 of 25 September 2020 on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, in the 66th session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization in relation to the envisaged adoption of Classification opinions, classification decisions, amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes or other advice on the interpretation of the Harmonized System, and of recommendations to secure uniformity in the interpretation of the Harmonized System under the Harmonized System Convention OJ L 327, 8.10.2020, p. 1–7	10706/20 + 10711/20
Written procedure completed on 25 September 2020	CM 3711/20
<i>Council Implementing Decisions granting Member States temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1342 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Kingdom of Belgium to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 4–9	10323/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1343 of 25 September 2020 on granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Bulgaria to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 10–12	10324/20

Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1344 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Cyprus to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 13-16	10325/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1345 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Czech Republic to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, 17-20	10326/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1346 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Hellenic Republic to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 21-23	10327/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1347 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Kingdom of Spain to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 24-27	10328/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1348 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Croatia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 28-30	10329/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1349 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Italian Republic to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 31-34	10330/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1350 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Lithuania to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 35-37	10331/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1351 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Latvia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 38-41	10332/20 + COR 1

Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1352 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Malta to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 42-44	10333/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1353 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Poland to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 45-48	10334/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1354 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Portuguese Republic to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 49-54	10335/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1355 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Romania to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 55-58	10336/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1356 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Republic of Slovenia to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 59-62	10337/20
Council implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1357 of 25 September 2020 granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to the Slovak Republic to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak OJ L 314, 29.9.2020, p. 63-65	10338/20
Danish Declaration to the minutes of Coreper and at the time of adoption in written procedures Denmark can approve the decision to use the written procedure and subsequently the adoption of the Council Implementing Decisions granting temporary support under the SURE Regulation (i-item 26), based on the understanding of the Commission's answers to questions raised during the technical discussions, that the implementing acts and bilateral loan agreements will comply with the EU's fundamental rights, including non-discrimination, which is a priority for Denmark.	CM 3711/20

Written procedure completed on 29 September 2020	CM 3772/20
<i>Adoption of the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021</i> Council Decision adopting the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 OJ C 323L, 1.10.2020, p. 1–1	10474/20
Statement on the Council position on the draft budget for 2021 The Council notes that with a view to giving a mandate to the Presidency for the budget conciliation, it will re-evaluate its position in the light of the final text of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2021-2027 and of the letter of amendment expected from the Commission later in the procedure, as appropriate, both for the commitment and the payment appropriations. In this respect, the Council urges the Commission to present the letter of amendment as soon as possible, and at the latest on 31 October 2020, in order to facilitate the work of the two arms of the budgetary authority and to ensure a timely adoption of the 2021 budget.	10378/20 ADD1
Statement on the Brexit Adjustment Reserve The Council recalls the European Council conclusions of 17-21 July and invites the Commission to submit a proposal for the relevant instrument necessary to operationalise the Brexit Adjustment Reserve without delay, in view of ensuring that a sufficient amount of appropriations can be made available for mobilisation as from the beginning of the financial year 2021.	10378/20 ADD1
Statement on staff of agencies The Council notes that all EU institutions, bodies, agencies and their administrations should conduct a regular staff screening that ensures the optimisation of staff resources at the current level and should continue to seek efficiency gains in non-salary related expenditure, including by deepening interinstitutional cooperation, such as in the area of IT, procurement and buildings, and freezing non-salary related expenditure. In this context, the Council calls on the Commission to assess and propose, in the up-coming letter of amendment to the draft budget for 2021, how these principles can best be applied in the case of the decentralised agencies, in particular with regard to optimising staff resources at the current level. For the purpose of the Council position, and pending a further assessment by the Commission in its letter of amendment, 140 posts are provisionally reduced from the Commission establishment plan to offset the increases in the decentralised agencies of the EU.	10378/20 ADD1

Statement on payments The Council will carefully examine the letter of amendment concerning agriculture (including information on assigned revenue) in order to appropriately assess the level of resources under heading 3 (<i>Natural resources and environment</i>) in the 2021 budget. The Council calls on the Commission to continue closely and actively monitoring during the year 2021 the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes (particularly in sub-heading 2a and Rural Development). To that end, it invites the Commission to present in a timely manner updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding 2021 payment appropriations. If the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2021 budget are insufficient to cover the needs, the Council invites the Commission to present as soon as possible an appropriate solution, <i>inter alia</i> a draft amending budget, with a view to allow the budgetary authority to take any necessary decisions in due time for justified needs. Where applicable, the Council will take into account the urgency of the matter, shortening the eight-week period for a decision if deemed necessary. The same applies <i>mutatis mutandis</i> if the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2021 budget are higher than needed.	10378/20 ADD1
Written procedure completed on 29 September 2020	CM 3815/20
<i>Council Decision appointing Member of the Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)</i> Council Decision of 30 September 2020 appointing one member of the Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency OJ C 330, 6.10.2020, p. 2–3	10758/20