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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council |
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| Subject: | Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising Portugal to apply a reduced rate of excise duty on certain alcoholic products produced in the autonomous regions of Madeira and the Azores<br>- decision to use the written procedure for the adoption |

1. The Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council on 18 June 2020.

2. The Working Party on Outermost Regions examined the proposal, and an agreement was reached on 9 September 2020.

3. On 15 September 2020, the European Parliament adopted its opinion on the proposal without suggesting any amendments.

4. Given the current exceptional circumstances, in which no Council meetings are scheduled to take place, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

   – confirm its agreement on the above-mentioned proposal, as finalised by the Lawyer Linguists and as set out in document 11025/20;

– decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2020/430, as extended by Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the above-mentioned proposal, as set out in document 11025/20.