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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1099/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements - Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 16 December 2025, the Commission presented the tenth legislative simplification omnibus package, which aims to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens while maintaining high standards for food and feed safety, and for the protection of human and animal health and the environment.

2. The package included three legislative proposals: a) an urgent proposal for a Regulation streamlining rules on biocides by extending certain data protection periods¹, b) a “*Directives proposal*”² and c) a “*Regulations proposal*” on simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements³.
3. Agreement on the proposal referred to under a) above was reached quickly by the co-legislators, without changes to the Commission proposal. The text was published in the Official Journal on 26 May 2026⁴.
4. On the Directives proposal referred to under b) above, on 27 May 2026 the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament⁵ that are to be held in conjunction with those on the Regulations proposal referred to under c) above.
5. The Regulations proposal is based on Article 43(2), Article 114, Article 168(4)(b) and Article 192(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
6. Both the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) were consulted. The EESC delivered its opinion on 29 April 2026⁶. The CoR has not yet delivered its opinion.

¹ 17054/25, proposal for a Regulation (EU) 2026/1165 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2026 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 as regards the extension of certain data protection periods.

² 17055/25, proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 98/58/EC and Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements, and repealing Council Directives 82/711/EEC and 85/572/EEC.

³ 17056/1/25 REV 1, proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1099/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2026/1165 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2026 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 as regards the extension of certain data protection periods, OJ L, 2026/1165, 26.5.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/1165/oj>.

⁵ 9737/26.

⁶ 9416/26.

7. In the European Parliament, a debate on the Directives proposal and the Regulations proposal of the Omnibus X package was held on 5 May 2026 at a joint meeting of the Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI). Mr Michele Picaro (ECR, Italy, for ENVI) and Mr Herbert Dorfmann (EPP, Italy, for AGRI) have been appointed as rapporteurs. The two rapporteurs published their draft report⁷ on 19 June 2026, which was discussed in a joint Committee meeting on 6 July 2026. Another joint Committee meeting took place on 2 September 2026, following a public hearing on the two proposals. The vote in Plenary is expected in due course.

II. STATE OF PLAY

8. On 23 September 2026, the Permanent Representatives Committee examined the latest overall Presidency compromise text on the Regulations proposal⁸. While a number of delegations maintained concerns notably regarding certain amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 on the placing on the market of plant protection products and to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed, a large number of delegations expressed overall support for the Presidency compromise.
9. The latest Presidency compromise text on the Regulation proposal is set out in Annex to document 13143/26. Changes compared to the Commission proposal are marked in **bold**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~.
10. Based on the views expressed by delegations at the above meeting on 23 September and subsequent bilateral consultations, the Presidency concludes that there is now sufficient support from delegations, representing a qualified majority, in favour of the latest Presidency compromise text. The text is therefore submitted without further modifications to the Permanent Representatives Committee at a forthcoming meeting as a I-item on the agenda for agreement.

⁷ [PR_COD_1amCom](#)

⁸ 13143/26.

III. CONCLUSION

11. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to agree on the text of the mandate with regard to the Regulations proposal, as set out in document 13143/26, and to invite the Presidency to conduct negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of this mandate and in conjunction with the Directives proposal of the Omnibus X package.
12. In accordance with the approach to legislative transparency endorsed by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 14 July 2020⁹, and in full consistency with Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 and the Council's Rules of Procedure, the text of the mandate thus agreed will be made public unless the Permanent Representatives Committee objects.

⁹ 9493/20.