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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Special Committee on Agriculture/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products and (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act = Statements

Commission statement on the review of import tolerances and Codex Maximum Residue Limits (MRL)

The Commission will continue to ensure that, following a thorough assessment of the scientific information available for active substances either in the context of the procedures under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 or the procedures under Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 and in conformity with WTO rules, import tolerances and Codex Maximum Residue Limits (CXLs) are assessed and reviewed for active substances that are not, or are no longer, approved in the EU, so that any residues in food or feed do not present any risk for consumers. In addition to health and good agricultural practice aspects currently considered, the Commission will also take into account environmental concerns of a global nature in conformity with WTO rules when assessing import tolerance applications or when reviewing import tolerances for active substances no longer

approved in the EU. The presentation by the Commission of the proposal for a legislative framework for sustainable food systems will be a crucial additional step towards the full achievement of this ambition, in coherence with the Green Deal objectives.

Commission statement on wine and aromatised wine products nutrition and ingredients labelling

The Commission considers that products containing 1,2 % and less by volume of alcohol should continue to be regulated by the FIC Regulation and reserves its right to revert to the legal framework for wine labelling within the upcoming initiative for the labelling of all alcoholic beverages under the EU Beating Cancer Plan.

The Commission also considers that the present compromise on wine and aromatised wine products labelling as regards the list of ingredients and nutrition declaration cannot be seen as creating a precedent for future legislative proposal and negotiation and reserves its rights to align the labelling requirements for all wines to the EU Beating Cancer Plan.