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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 as regards multiannual survey programmes, notifications concerning the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests, temporary derogations from import prohibitions and special import requirements and establishment of procedures for granting them, temporary import requirements for high-risk plants, plant products and other objects, the establishment of procedures for the listing of high-risk plants, the content of phytosanitary certificates and the use of plant passports, and as regards certain reporting requirements for demarcated areas and surveys of pests and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards certain notifications of non-compliance **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 17 October 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 13 December 2023[2].

[1] 14398/23.
[2] OJ C, C/2024/1588, 5.3.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/1588/oj.

3. On 24 April 2024 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal (without legal linguistic revision). After finalisation of the adopted text by the legal linguists, the Parliament approved a corrigendum to that position at its plenary session of 7 to 10 October 2024. It reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[3].

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 66/24, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

5. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum to this note.

6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

   After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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[3] 14243/24.