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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 on detergents and surfactants, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 **(first reading)** - Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 28 April 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 12 July 2023[2].

3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 27 February 2024[3].

[1] 8904/23 + ADD 1 to 7.
[2] 12179/23.
[3] 10507/24.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 25 June 2025 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Regulation[4], after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament.

5. On 15 July 2025, the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) confirmed the provisional agreement and its Chair subsequently sent a letter to the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee stating that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic revision) without amendments[5].

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopts its position at first reading, as set out in 12331/25, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 12331/25 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Germany and Italy voting against.

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

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[4] 10440/25.
[5] 13878/25.