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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council 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, the use of plant passports and as regards certain reporting requirements for demarcated areas and surveys of pest - Further revised Presidency text - Comments from Lithuania

Delegation will find in Annex comments from Lithuania on the above.

Lithuania thanks the European Commission and the Presidencies (ESP and BE), which put a lot of effort into updating this regulation based on the comments provided by the MS.

Lithuania agrees with most of the changes, but there are some comments:

1. Lithuania supports the last proposed changes in point 33a (document ST05593.en.24) in relation with the notifications of non-compliant wood packaging material (WPM). We believe WPM non-compliances should be notified immediately to the third countries as is performed currently using the Traces system, as a notification is generated immediately from the rejected CHED-PP document as it is done now. Therefore we fully support the deletion of WPM in point 33a as well as updates in the proposed Article 1a (additional subparagraph of article 66(5) of the Regulation 2017/625).

We are aware of the cases in which it is not possible to create CHED-PPs (notifications) in Traces, when WPM non-compliances are detected at the places other than BCPs, due to technical reasons. However, we think that this issue should be solved in another way – by making technical changes in the IT systems, not by changing the legislation.

Also we are in favor with the last inclusion in the point 33a as well as updates in the proposed Article 1a (additional subparagraph of article 66(5) of the Regulation 2017/625) on the use of IMSOC system for submitting the reports of non-compliances of plants, plant products or other objects introduced into the Union as part of passengers' personal luggage or through postal services intended for personal consumption or use.

2. Technical comment. Point 11a in the text there is still one mistake „...*shall not apply to particular plants, plant products or other objects distributed by means of...*”.