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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 98/24/EC as regards the limit values for lead and its inorganic compounds and for diisocyanates **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 13 February 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 153(2), point (b), in conjunction with paragraph 1, point (a) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 23 March 2023[2].

3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

4. On 7 February 2024 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[3].

1 6417/23 + ADD1 to ADD5.
2 OJ C 184, 25.5.2023, p. 101.
3 6109/24.

5. 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 81/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

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.*