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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Agriculture and Fisheries)
26 February 2024

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 6742/24.

2. Approval of 'A' items

(a) Non-legislative list

6841/24

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following item the documents should read as follows:

9. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 21 February 2024

5679/24 + **COR 1**
5675/24
5678/24
CORLX

- (b) **Legislative list** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

6842/24

Fisheries

1. **Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 applicable in the Convention area of the ICCAT and Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean**
Adoption of the legislative act
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 21 February 2024



6454/24
PE-CONS 71/23
PECHE

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 43(2)TFEU).

Employment and Social Policy

2. **Directive amending Directive 98/24/EC and Directive 2004/37/EC as regards the limit values for lead and its inorganic compounds and diisocyanates**  6455/24
PE-CONS 81/23
SOC

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 21 February 2024

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 153(2), point (b), in conjunction with Article 153(1), point (a) TFEU).

Economic and Financial Affairs

3. **Directive amending the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directives (AIFMD)**  6408/24
PE-CONS 67/23
EF

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 21 February 2024

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 53(1) TFEU).

4. **Instant Payments Regulation**  6407/1/24 REV 1
PE-CONS 76/23
EF

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 21 February 2024

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 114 TFEU).

Justice and Home Affairs

5. Regulation amending Council Decision on Customs Information System (CIS) to align it with EU data protection rules



6532/24
PE-CONS 89/23
ENFOCUSTOM

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 21 February 2024

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 16(2) TFEU).

6. Regulation on automated data exchange for police cooperation ('Prüm II')



6531/24 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 75/23
+ **COR 1 (fi)**
IXIM

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 21 February 2024

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Articles 16(2), 87(2) point (a) and 88(2) TFEU).

A statement to this item is set out in the Annex.

AGRICULTURE

Non-legislative activities

3. Need for rapid and structural responses to the current crisis situation in the agricultural sector 6295/24 + ADD 1
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
Exchange of views

Any other business

4. Agriculture
- (a) Modification of Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 to adapt GAEC 7 and 8 requirements in order to avoid considerably undermining EU farmers' competitiveness 6880/24
Information from the Romanian delegation
- (b) Agriculture, CAP, Food Sovereignty of the EU: reconnecting food and society 6903/24
Information from the Italian delegation
- (c) Call of Slovak farmers for a competitive and resilient agricultural sector 6877/24
Information from the Slovak delegation
- (d) Re-establishment in 2024 of the derogation from the application of GAEC 7 and GAEC 8 standards and possibility of waiving sanctions for non-compliance with conditionality due to the crisis in the agricultural sector 6926/24
Information from the Polish delegation
- (e) **Ministerial Conference on 'Biosecurity and vaccination: essential tools in prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases' (Brussels, 24 January 2024): lessons learned and the way forward** 6676/24
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency concerning the ministerial conference 'Biosecurity and vaccination: essential tools in prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases' held in Brussels on 24 January 2024, and of the comments made by the Commission and several delegations.

- (f) **The EU reduction target for 2040 and the agricultural sector** [2] 6921/24
Information from the Polish delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Polish delegation as well as of comments from other delegations and the Commission's response.

Fisheries

- (g) **Unilateral management measures for fisheries introduced by the United Kingdom** [2] 6828/24
Information from the Danish delegation on behalf of the Danish and Swedish delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Danish delegation, on behalf of the Danish and Swedish delegations, on unilateral management measures for fisheries introduced by the United Kingdom, and of the comments made by other delegations and the Commission.

- (h) **Mandatory use of the digital system 'CATCH' to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing** [2] 6840/24
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the mandatory use of the digital system "CATCH" to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and of the comments made by delegations.

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- [1]** First reading
[C] Item based on a Commission proposal
[2] Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
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Statements to the legislative "A" items set out in doc. 6842/24**Regulation on automated data exchange for police cooperation
(‘Prüm II’)****Ad "A" item 6:***Adoption of the legislative act***Statement by Denmark**

“Denmark did not take part in the adoption of the general approach on the proposal for a new regulation on automated data exchange for police cooperation (“Prüm II”) due to Denmark’s opt-out in the area of Justice and Home Affairs. However, the Prüm II regulation builds on existing Prüm cooperation in the field of police data exchange in which Denmark currently takes part. This cooperation which has existed since before the Lisbon Treaty is based on Council decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime. Denmark’s participation in the existing Prüm-cooperation has proved mutually beneficial and has allowed for effective investigation and law enforcement.

It is therefore our belief that leaving Denmark out of the cooperation would harm not only the investigative tools for Denmark but also have a negative impact on the internal security of the Schengen area as a whole. We encourage that all options be explored to ensure that the new regulation will not be to the detriment of our existing cooperation to combat serious crime. While we welcome that the participation of the Schengen associated countries and a third country like the UK is ensured through bilateral agreements, we regret that it has so far not been possible to find a solution for Denmark. A possibility for non-EU member states to enter into cooperation with the Union in this field, without such a possibility for Denmark, will have as consequence that Denmark – an EU and Schengen Member State – would be in a less favourable position than Schengen associated states – and third countries – as regards cooperation with the Union in this field.

Denmark will continue to seek a pragmatic and mutually beneficial solution between the European Union and Denmark to this important matter.”
