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Delegations will find attached letter from Commissioner Kyriakides to the Presidency referring to the Commission proposal in the subject field (doc. 6916/21).



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Your Excellency,

I would like to inform you about the Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards official controls on animals and products of animal origin exported from third countries to the Union to ensure compliance with the prohibition of certain uses of antimicrobials (COM (2021) 108 final) which was adopted on Tuesday 9 March 2021. It is aimed at further strengthening EU action against antimicrobial resistance. I would also like to take the opportunity to ask for your support to ensure a timely discussion on this proposal by the Council during the ordinary legislative procedure.

The objective of the proposal is to set the basis for a comprehensive framework for the implementation and control of prohibitions on certain uses of antimicrobials. As you know, these prohibitions have been extended, by way of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 on veterinary medicinal products, to animals and products of animal origin imported into the European Union.

Once the proposal, which is an amendment to the scope of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and a prerequisite for the implementation of these prohibitions, is adopted, the Commission will be able to launch technical discussions on complementary details regarding specific obligations applicable to imports of animals and products of animal origin from third countries into the Union. Those will include substantive conditions with which imports of animals and products of animal origin will need to comply, and guarantees to be provided, including in import certificates. These details will be established in tertiary legislation.

In the interest of timely progress on the proposal, it would be important that discussions in the Council would remain focussed on the limited scope related to controls on the prohibitions on certain uses of antimicrobials applicable in relation to imports from third countries.

Mr Pedro Lourtie, Deputy Permanent Representative
Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Given the importance of this measure in our fight against antimicrobial resistance, I would be grateful if this proposal could be handled with priority from your side in order to enable a swift agreement by the co-legislators during your Presidency. My services in DG SANTE (Directors Bernard Van Goethem and Sabine Jülicher and their teams) are at your disposal for any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



cc: Ms Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, Director - General Secretariat of the Council of the EU

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