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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in the Republic of Moldova on seed-producing fodder plant crops and on the equivalence of fodder plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova, and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on seed-producing beet crops and seed-producing oil plant crops and on the equivalence of beet seed and oil plant seed produced in Ukraine **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 5 February 2024 the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 20 March 2024[2].

3. On 22 May 2025 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal[3]. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

1 6264/24 + ADD 1.
2 OJ C, C/2024/3386, 31.5.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/3386/oj.
3 9217/25.

4. 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 9/25, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary voting against and Poland abstaining.

5. 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*.