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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry purposes, as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland <b>(first reading)</b> - Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 27 February 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 43(2), Article 114, and Article 168(4), point (b) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 27 April 2023<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 6931/23.

<sup>2</sup> Not yet published in the OJ.

4. On 9 May 2023 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the agreement reached between the institutions on taking over the Commission proposal and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>3</sup>.
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 17/23, 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*.

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<sup>3</sup> 9194/23.