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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision No 940/2014/EU as regards products eligible for exemption from or a reduction in dock dues - Adoption

1. On 13 December 2018, the Commission transmitted to the Council the abovementioned proposal. The proposal aims to adapt the list of products eligible for a tax differential to reflect the economic changes in the French Outermost Regions which have occurred since the adoption of Decision No 940/2014/EU.
2. This proposal is based on Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
3. The Working Party on Outermost Regions discussed the abovementioned proposal for a Council Decision and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision at its meeting of 31 January 2019.

4. The European Parliament voted its opinion on this proposal on 27 March 2019.
 5. It is, therefore, suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, to adopt the above Council Decision, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts, set out in 5975/19.
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