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from: General Secretariat
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
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Subject: Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 627 final/3 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions¹

1. On 25 September 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council an amendment to the Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).
2. The proposal, which is based on the first subparagraph of Article 42 and 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, does not require the opinion of the Committee of the Regions.
3. Nevertheless, in view of the subject matter of the proposal, the Commission suggests consulting that body on an optional basis.

¹ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance of the proposal.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Article 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request the Committee to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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