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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Trade Policy Committee (Deputies)
to : Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/ Council

No. Cion prop. : 14369/13 WTO 229 AGRI 627 VETER 94 SAN 370 COTRA 26

Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the United States of America Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union

- Decision on the signing
- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 2 October 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council the above mentioned proposal.
2. Following its meeting on 11 October 2013 the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the above-mentioned Commission's proposal, as modified, to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the proposed Decision on the signing of the said revised Memorandum of Understanding, as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic experts and set out in documents 14371/13 and 14375/13.

 4. Furthermore, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the revised Memorandum of Understanding with the United States of America Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union, the Permanent Representatives Committee is also invited to recommend that the Council decides, as an "A" item at the same meeting, to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the said Memorandum of Understanding, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic experts and set out in documents 14374/13 and 14375/13, to the European Parliament for its consent.
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