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“I/A” ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2) / Council
No. Cion prop.: 9540/11 WTO 186 AGRI 326 NIS 49 COEST 139 + ADD 1

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs
- Decision on the conclusion
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 10.02.2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 26 April 2011 a proposal for Council Decision on the signing of the above-mentioned Agreement¹, as well as a proposal for Council Decision on its conclusion².

¹ Doc. 9539/11 WTO 185 AGRI 325 NIS 48 COEST 138 + ADD 1.

² Doc. 9540/11 WTO 186 AGRI 326 NIS 49 COEST 139 + ADD 1.

2. Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement was adopted by the Council on 12 July 2011¹. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in documents 9737/11 WTO 199 AGRI 345 NIS 61 COEST 152 and 9738/11 WTO 200 AGRI 346 NIS 62 COEST 153 + ADD 1, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement.
3. Following the adoption of Council Decision, the Agreement was signed on 14 July 2011.
4. The European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement on 19 January 2012.
5. Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 27 January 2012.
6. 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, draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as finalised by legal/linguistic experts and set out in documents 9737/11 WTO 199 AGRI 345 NIS 61 COEST 152 and 9738/11 WTO 200 AGRI 346 NIS 62 COEST 153 + ADD 1.

¹ Published in OJ L 243 (21.9.2011, p. 1).