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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

"A" ITEMS

1. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (recast) [First reading] (LA)

- Adoption
 - a) of the Council's position
7906/11 ENV 215 MI 148 CODEC 450
 - + REV 1 (fi)
 - + REV 1 COR 1 (fi)
 - + COR 1 (de)
 - + COR 2
 - + COR 3 (de)
 - b) of the statement of the Council reasons
7906/11 ADD 1 ENV 215 MI 148 CODEC 450
 - + COR 1
- 10973/11 CODEC 944 ENV 416 MI 286

The Council approved its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, with the Italian delegation abstaining (Legal basis: Article 192(1) of the TFEU).

2. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Union action for the European Heritage Label

- Adoption
 - (a) of the Council's position
10303/11 CULT 33 CODEC 841
 - (b) of the statement of the Council reasons
10303/11 ADD 1 CULT 33 CODEC 841
 - + COR 1 (lv)
 - + REV 1
- 12280/11 CODEC 1129 CULT 40
+ COR 1

The Council approved its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, with the United Kingdom delegation abstaining (Legal basis: Article 192(1) of the TFEU).

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2000/25/EC as regards the provisions for tractors placed on the market under the flexibility scheme

PE-CONS 19/11 AGRI 380 ENT 117 ENV 370 CODEC 842

The Council approved the amendment set out in the European Parliament's position at first reading and adopted the proposed act amended accordingly, with the Danish delegation voting against, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 114 of the TFEU).

4. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year for Active Ageing (2012)

PE-CONS 20/11 SOC 427 SAN 108 CODEC 877

+ REV 1 (lt)

The Council approved the amendments set out in the European Parliament's position at first reading and adopted the proposed act amended accordingly, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 153(2) of the TFEU).

Joint declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission concerning the budget

"As per article 8, the financial envelope for the implementation of the European Year is at least EUR 5 million. EUR 2.3 million will be used from the budget 2011 without utilizing available margins to fund notably communication activities and EU conferences for the European Year and at least EUR 2.7 million, which shall be reprioritised from existing resources without utilizing available margins, will be reserved and made visible in a budget line in the draft budget 2012."

5. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on textile fibre names and related labelling and marking of fibre composition of textile products and repealing Council Directive 73/44/EEC, Directive 96/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive 2008/121/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

PE-CONS 21/11 TEXT 9 MI 275 ENT 120 CHIMIE 31 ECO 71 CONSOM 82
CODEC 886

+ REV 1 (cs)

+ REV 2 (da)

+ COR 1 (pt)

The Council approved the European Parliament's amendment to the Council's position. The Regulation is deemed to have been adopted in the form of the Council's position at first reading thus amended, pursuant to Article 294(8)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Articles 185 and 188 of the TFEU).

Statement by the European Parliament and the Council

"The European Parliament and the Council are mindful of the importance of providing accurate information to consumers, in particular when products are marked with an indication of origin, so as to protect them against fraudulent, inaccurate or misleading claims. The use of new technologies, such as electronic labelling, including Radio Frequency Identification, may be a useful tool to provide such information while keeping pace with technical development. The European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission, when drawing up the report pursuant to Article 24 of the Regulation, to consider their impact on possible new labelling requirements, including with a view to improve the traceability of products.

Statement by Bulgaria

"Bulgaria supports, in a spirit of compromise, the agreement on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on textile fibre names and related labelling and marking of the fibre composition of textile products.

Nevertheless, Bulgaria recalls the political commitment for reducing the administrative burden imposed on the companies by the EU legislation and therefore regrets that the text finally agreed, in particular point 6 of Annex II, is not in line with this objective.

It should be noted that the subject matter of this regulation does not concern safety aspects of textile products and therefore it does not provide the necessary instruments for assessing and managing related risks which are provided by other Union legislation. As a result, the required scientific information concerning possible allergic reactions or other adverse effects can not influence the decision to include new textile fibre in Annex I. Such requirement has no added value and only imposes unnecessary administrative burden on the industry."

6. Council Decision amending Decision 2004/162/EC as regards the products that may benefit from exemption from or a reduction in dock dues

12197/1/11 REV 1 POSEIDOM 10 POSEICAN 10 POSEIMA 9 REGIO 52
12158/11 POSEIDOM 9 POSEICAN 9 POSEIMA 8 REGIO 51
approved by COREPER, Part 2, on 14.07.2011

The Council adopted the above decision (Legal basis: Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

7. External financial instruments:

a) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) no 1934/2006 establishing a financing instrument for cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories

12495/11 CODEC 1156 COASI 113 ASIE 44 COMEM 203 COLAT 23
COEST 244 DEVGEN 212 PE 308 RELEX 750 CADREFIN 56

b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation

12496/11 CODEC 1157 DEVGEN 213 NIS 93 PESC 905 RELEX 748
FIN 491 ACP 160 CADREFIN 57 COHOM 187

c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 on establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide

12497/11 CODEC 1158 DEVGEN 214 NIS 94 PESC 906 RELEX 749
FIN 492 ACP 161 CADREFIN 58 COHOM 188

d) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation

12498/11 CODEC 1159 DEVGEN 215 ACP 162 AGRI 504 WTO 262

The Council decided not to approve the European Parliament's amendments and consequently to convene the Conciliation Committee in accordance with Article 294(8)(b) of the TFEU.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

- (a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy**
- (b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products**
- (c) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the External dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy**
- (d) Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Reporting Obligations under Council Regulation (EC) N°2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy**
- (e) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Exchange of views
 - 12514/11 PECHE 187 CODEC 1166
 - 12516/11 PECHE 188 CODEC 1167
 - 12517/11 PECHE 189
 - 12518/11 PECHE 190
 - 12519/11 PECHE 191
 - 12520/11 PECHE 192

Following a presentation by the Commission of the Reform package, the Council had an exchange of views. The package will now be discussed in depth at Working Party level.

NON -LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC DEBATES

[pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure (proposed by the Presidency)]

3. Working Programme of the Presidency

- Presentation by the Presidency
12585/11 AGRI 506 PECHE 196

The Chair presented the work programme of the Polish Presidency concerning the Agriculture and Fisheries sector. He highlighted the following main areas:

- CAP effectively serving EU goals;
- Reforming the Common Fisheries Policy;
- Veterinary and phytosanitary issues;
- Forests and forestry.

4. Green Paper on promotion measures and information provision for agricultural products: a reinforced value-added European strategy for promoting the tastes of Europe

- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views
12817/11 AGRI 526 AGRIFIN 66 AGRIORG 120

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission and of the comments made by the Member States.

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