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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Brazil pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions with respect to processed poultry meat provided for in the EU Schedule annexed to GATT 1994, and of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Thailand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions with respect to processed poultry meat provided for in the EU Schedule annexed to GATT 1994

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline for Croatia: 17.4.2012

COUNCIL DECISION No .../2012/EU

of

on the conclusion

**of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between
the European Union and Brazil**

**pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement
on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification**

of concessions with respect to processed poultry meat

provided for in the EU Schedule annexed to GATT 1994,

**and of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between
the European Union and Thailand**

**pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement
on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification**

of concessions with respect to processed poultry meat

provided for in the EU Schedule annexed to GATT 1994

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4) in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

¹ OJ C , , p. .

Whereas:

- (1) On 25 May 2009 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 with a view to the renegotiation of concessions on poultry meat tariff lines under Chapter 16 of the Combined Nomenclature as provided for in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff¹ ("CN").
- (2) Those negotiations resulted in Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters initialled with Thailand on 22 November 2011 and with Brazil on 7 December 2011 (hereinafter "the Agreements").
- (3) In accordance with Council Decision No .../2012/EU of ...^{*2} the Agreements were signed on behalf of the Union on...^{**}
- (4) The Agreements should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1

^{*} OJ: please insert the date and publication reference of the Decision contained in document 7879/12.

² OJ C [...], [...], p. [...]

^{**} OJ: please insert the date of signature of the Agreements contained in documents 7884/12 and 7885/12.

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Brazil pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions with respect to processed poultry meat provided for in the EU Schedule annexed to GATT 1994, and of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Thailand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions with respect to processed poultry meat provided for in the EU Schedule annexed to GATT 1994 are hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The texts of the Agreements are attached to this Decision.*

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notifications provided for in the Agreements.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

* OJ: please attach the Agreements contained in documents 7884/12 and 7885/12.