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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing on behalf of the European Union 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**

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**of ...**

**on the signing on behalf of the European Union 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 paragraph of Article 207(4) in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

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 Tariff<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter "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) The Agreements should be signed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1

*Article 1*

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign on behalf of the Union 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 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<sup>1\*</sup>.

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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<sup>1</sup> The texts of the Agreements will be published together with the decisions on their conclusion.

\* Delegations: see documents 7884/12 and 7885/12.