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Subject: Council Regulation on administrative cooperation in the field of excise duties and
repealing Regulation (EC) No 2073/2004
- *Adoption*
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline for Croatia: 26.4.2012

1. On 14 November 2011 the Commission transmitted to the Council the abovementioned Regulation.
2. The European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee delivered their opinion on 29 March 2012 and 18 January 2012.
3. The Working Party on Tax Questions discussed the proposal on several occasions. At their meeting on 13 April 2012 the Fiscal Counsellors/Attachés agreed on a draft Regulation as set out in doc. 7314/12 FISC 36.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council adopt the abovementioned Regulation as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts in doc. 7314/12 FISC 36 OC 113, as an "A" item on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting.