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AGRI 437
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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Trade Policy Committee

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 11641/12 WTO 231 COASI 115 AGRI 436 UD 177

Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the Philippines' request for a WTO waiver to extend the special treatment for rice
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 10.7.2012

1. On 18 June 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the Philippines' request for a WTO waiver to extend the special treatment for rice.
2. At its meeting on 22 June 2012, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the above-mentioned Commission's proposal.

3. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council to adopt the above-mentioned Decision, as finalised by the Legal Linguistic Experts and set out in doc. 11643/12 WTO 233 COASI 117 AGRI 438 UD 179 OC 355, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
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