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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2) / Council
No. Cion prop.: 7881/12 WTO 109 AGRI 158 UD 81

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of Agreements in form of exchanges of letters on the modification of concessions with respect to processed poultry meat between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Brazil, and between the European Union and the Kingdom of Thailand pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994)
- Decision on the conclusion

COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 27.11.2012

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 15 March 2012 a proposal for Council Decision on the signing of the above-mentioned Agreements¹, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion².

¹ Doc. 7876/12 WTO 106 AGRI 155 UD 78.

² Doc. 7881/12 WTO 109 AGRI 158 UD 81.

2. The Council Decision on the signing of the Agreements was adopted by the Council on 23 April 2012¹. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreements, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in documents 7883/1/12 REV1 (en), COR 1 (lt), 7884/12 COR 1 (sl), COR 2 (sl), REV 1 (lt) and 7885/12 REV 1 (lt), to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreements.
3. Following the adoption of the Council Decision, the Agreements were signed on 18 June 2012 with Thailand and on 26 June 2012 with Brazil.
4. The European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreements on 21 November 2012.
5. The draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreements was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 23 November 2012.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreements, as finalised by legal/linguistic experts and set out in documents 7883/1/12 REV1 (en), COR 1 (lt), 7884/12 COR 1 (sl), COR 2 (sl), REV 1 (lt) and 7885/12 REV 1 (lt).

¹ Published in OJ L 117, 1.5.2012, p.1.