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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: COREPER/COUNCIL

Subject: Draft Commission Regulation of [...] amending Regulation (EC) No 2214/96 concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices (HICP): transmission and dissemination of sub-indices of the HICP, as regards establishing harmonised indices of consumer prices at constant tax rates
- Decision not to oppose the draft measures proposed by the Commission (regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

Statement by the Netherlands

The Netherlands regrets that the guidelines itself are not adopted as an implementing measure under the PRAC even though the substance and the aim of the guidelines are precisely to ensure comparability and to maintain and to improve the reliability and relevance as foreseen by the articles 4 and 5 (3) of the basic Regulation. The Netherlands considers therefore that the proposed article 3 (2) in the draft Commission Regulation is not in conformity with powers conferred on the Commission by the legislator since it deprives the applicability of article 4 and article 5 (3) of the basic regulation. The Netherlands therefore opposes the adoption the draft Regulation.
