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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Adoption of a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products

1. On 26 May 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council the above proposal, based on Article 31 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
2. On 9 June 2016, the Working Party on Customs Union examined the proposal and agreed on the text without amendments ¹.
3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee could:
 - confirm the agreement reached within the Working Party, and
 - invite the Council to adopt the draft Regulation as set out in doc. 9707/16 UD 117 (text revised by legal/linguistic experts) as an item without discussion at one of its forthcoming meetings.

¹ At that stage, the French, Finnish and Danish delegations maintain parliamentary scrutiny reservations. It is understood that these reservations will be lifted before the adoption of the Regulation by the Council.