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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EU) 2015/2265 opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2016 to 2018

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 1 June 2016 a proposal to amend Council Regulation (EU) No 2015/2265 opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2016 to 2018¹.
2. The proposal aims at allowing the effective use of the tariff quotas during the years 2016 to 2018 for hake and pink cusk-eel –imported products which the processing sector mainly cuts into slices–, by describing slicing as a qualifying operation.

¹ OJ L 322, 8.12.2015, p. 4.

3. The Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy examined the proposal on 9 June 2016. The Commission representative referred to the need of the proposal in order to solve a very specific problem created by the Regulation adopted in December 2015. Delegations showed understanding for the technical amendment, while recalling also the difficult choices that had to be made when adopting the Regulation. The DK and UK delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves, which the DK lifted in the meantime. The IT delegation entered a general scrutiny reserve, which it was able to lift also.

4. In view of the above, COREPER is invited to suggest that Council, at one of its forthcoming meetings, adopts the amendment to Council Regulation (EU) No 2015/2265 as set out in document 10103/16 PECHE 214 UD 126 as finalised by the lawyer-linguists.
