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(Agriculture and Fisheries),
held in Brussels on 14 and 15 November 2016

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LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article (16(8)) of the Treaty on European Union)

"A" ITEMS

1. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment [First reading]

= Adoption of the legislative act

PE-CONS 27/16 COMER 80 WTO 166 UD 140 COHOM 80 CODEC 920
+ REV 1 (ro)

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 207 of the TFEU).

2. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability [First reading]

= Adoption of the legislative act

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The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 177 of the TFEU).

"B" ITEMS

5. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks and repealing Council Regulation (EC) 676/2007 and Council Regulation (EC) 1342/2008 [First reading]

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0238 (COD)

- = Presentation by the Commission
- = Exchange of views
 - 13828/16 PECHE 404 CODEC 1550
 - + COR 1
 - 11636/16 PECHE 293 CODEC 1142
 - + ADD 1

Ministers welcomed the Commission's proposal but voiced serious concerns on a series of issues, in particular with regard to the scope, the problems of mixed fisheries and the additional control provisions.

6. Any other business

6.1. Agriculture

a) Outcomes of the informal EU Forest Directors General meeting (Bratislava, 7-9 November 2016)

- = Information from the Presidency
 - 13862/16 AGRI 580 FORETS 56 ENV 682 RELEX 905

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency concerning the informal meeting of EU Forest Directors General, which took place in Bratislava on 7-9 November 2016. The Council took note in particular of the informal conclusions adopted at that meeting.

The Council also took note of the comments made by the Commission's representative and by delegations.

b) Animal welfare during transport

- = Information from the Swedish delegation, supported by the Austrian, Belgian, Danish, German, Luxembourg and the Netherlands delegations
 - 13695/16 AGRI 568 VETER 104

The Council took note of the information provided by the Swedish delegation, supported by the Austrian, Belgian, Danish, German, Luxembourg and the Netherlands delegations, in relation to animal welfare during transport.

The Council also took note of the comments made by the Commission's representative and by delegations.

c) **State of play on the EU Platform on Animal welfare**

= Oral information from the Commission, requested by the Belgian, Danish, German, the Netherlands and Swedish delegations
13972/16 AGRI 587 VETER 111

The Council took note of the oral information provided by the Commission on the state of play on the establishment of the European Union Platform on Animal Welfare and of the comments made by delegations.

d) **Outcome of the Ministerial Conference on African swine fever (ASF) (Warsaw, 28 October 2016)**

= Information from the Polish delegation
14251/16 AGRI 603 VETER 118

The Council took note of the information provided by the Polish delegation, in relation to the Ministerial conference on African swine fever held in Warsaw last October.

The Council also took note of the comments made by the Commission's representative and by delegations.

e) **Ministerial Conference on lumpy skin disease (Sofia, 8-9 September 2016)**

= Information from the Bulgarian delegation, supported by the Austrian delegation
13681/1/16 AGRI 565 VETER 102 REV 1

The Council took note of the information provided by the Bulgarian delegation, supported by the Austrian delegation, in relation to the Ministerial conference on lumpy skin disease held in Sofia last September.

The Council also took note of the comments made by the Commission's representative and by delegations.

f) Use of geographical designations for agricultural products not meaning origin or provenance

= Information from the Greek delegation
14165/16 DENLEG 80 AGRI 597

The Greek delegation presented its concerns about the use of geographical designations or symbols on food labelling that could mislead consumers about the true origin of the food.

The Cyprus, Croatian, Portuguese, Italian and Belgian delegations shared the Greek concerns and also called on for establishment of criteria for the 'case by case' examination of use of geographic designations or symbols in the light of the legislation applicable.

The Commission will support and encourage the cooperation among the Member States for the definition of objective interpretative criteria.

g) Endocrine disruptors

= Information from the Netherlands delegation
13708/16 AGRI 569 PHYTOSAN 33 PESTICIDE 2

The Council took note of the request from the Netherlands delegation in relation to endocrine disruptors, supported by several delegations.

The Council also took note of the reaction of the Commission's representative and of the comments made by delegations.

h) Call for European action on Antimicrobial Resistance

= Information from the Danish delegation, supported by the Swedish delegation
14201/16 AGRI 600 VETER 117

The Council took note of the information provided by the Danish delegation, supported by the Swedish delegation, on a European action on Antimicrobial Resistance.

The Council also took note of the reaction of the Commission's representative and of the comments made by delegations.

6.2. Fisheries

i) North West Waters Regional Group: Implementation of the landing obligation, including the potential issue of fisheries choke

= Information from the United Kingdom delegation
13897/16 PECHE 407

Ministers welcomed the work carried out by the North West Waters Regional Group to find potential solutions to the challenge of choke species and agreed on the need to address this issue in order to ensure the smooth implementation of the landing obligation.

j) Completion of action plans for EMFF specific ex-ante conditionalities

= Information from the Commission
13940/16 PECHE 410

The Council took note of the information presented by the Commission representative, as set out in 13940/16.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

10. Any other business

c) Current legislative proposal

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 [First reading] Interinstitutional file 2014/0100(COD)
- = State of play

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play regarding the trilogue negotiations on organic farming, as well as of comments raised by the Commission representative.