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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

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

1. Draft proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Maritime Spatial Planning [First reading]

– General Approach

16983/13 POLGEN 242 POLMAR 28 PESC 1440 COSDP 1112 AGRI 795
TRANS 629 JAI 1077 ENV 1137 PECHE 578 CODEC 2755

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16979/13 POLGEN 241 POLMAR 27 PESC 1439 COSDP 1111 AGRI 794
TRANS 628 JAI 1076 ENV 1134 PECHE 577 CODEC 2753

+ COR 1

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approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 04.12.2013

The Council reached a general approach on the above draft directive proposal.

2. Council Directive amending Directives 2006/112/EC and 2008/118/EC as regards the French outermost regions and Mayotte in particular

16766/13 FISC 234 POSEIDOM 22

+ COR 1 (sl)

+ COR 2 (hr)

The Council adopted by unanimity the above Directive (Legal basis: Article 113 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

3. Council Directive amending Directive 2010/18/EU implementing the revised Framework Agreement on parental leave concluded by BUSINESSEUROPE, UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC, following the amendment of the status of Mayotte with regard to the European Union

16663/13 POSEIDOM 19 REGIO 276 ENV 1101 AGRI 770 SOC 973 SAN 472

The Council adopted by unanimity the above Directive (Legal basis: Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

4. **Council Regulation amending Council Regulations (EC) No 850/98 and (EC) No 1224/2009, and Regulations (EC) No 1069/2009, (EU) No .../2013 and (EU) No .../2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, following the amendment of the status of Mayotte with regard to the European Union**

16664/13 PECHE 554 VETER 110 POSEIDOM 20 POSEICAN 10 POSEIMA 7

The Council adopted by unanimity the above Regulation (Legal basis: Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

5. **Council Directive amending Council Directives 91/271/EEC and 1999/74/EC, and Directives 2000/60/EC, 2006/7/EC, 2006/25/EC and 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, following the amendment of the status of Mayotte with regard to the European Union**

16665/13 POSEIDOM 21 REGIO 277 ENV 1102 AGRI 771 SOC 974 SAN 473

The Council adopted by unanimity the above Directive (Legal basis: Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

6. **Council Decision amending Decision 2002/546/EC as regards its period of application**

16835/13 POSEICAN 12 REGIO 282 UD 309 PECHC 566

The Council adopted by unanimity the above Decision (Legal basis: Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

7. **Council Regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Union tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2014 to 2020**

16672/13 POSEICAN 11 REGIO 278 UD 301 PECHE 555

The Council adopted by unanimity the above Regulation (Legal basis: Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

NON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES - ADOPTIONS

(In accordance with Article 9(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

25. Council Regulation opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products and repealing Regulation (EC) No 7/2010

16244/13 TDC 21

+ REV 1 (lt)

The Council adopted the above Regulation (Legal basis: Article 31 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

26. Council Regulation suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products and repealing Regulation (EC)

No 1344/2011

16245/13 TDC 22

+ COR 1 (sl)

+ REV 1 (lt)

+ REV 2 (hr)

The Council adopted the above Regulation (Legal basis: Article 31 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

Statement by France

"France supports the adoption of the Council Regulation suspending autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties, applicable from 1 January 2014.

The general objective of this type of measure is to help improve the competitive capacity of EU industry and to protect or create jobs.

For certain sectors that are particularly exposed to the effects of the economic crisis, this measure is sometimes essential to maintain operations.

This is the case for the French plywood sector, which until the end of 2013 benefited from the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) applied to Gabon, exporter of okoumé wood.

The 6 % increase in customs duties is likely to seriously compromise the economic balance of the companies concerned, which account for several thousand jobs.

To enable these companies to continue production, France will submit a suspension request in the next Council Regulation applicable from 1 July 2014, with retroactive effect from 1 January 2014.

The consultations conducted by France on this issue confirm that such a suspension is consistent with the interests of the Union and industry requirements, and that its inclusion in the draft Regulation would have no negative impact on other Member States."