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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC (**first reading**)

- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)
= Statement

Statement by the Commission

on the procedures for the approval of veterinary and phytosanitary programmes

In order to enhance information to the Member States, the Commission will set an annual ad hoc session of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, focused on the outcome of the evaluation procedure of programmes. This meeting will take place no later than 30 November of the year preceding the implementation of the programmes.

In this context, the Commission will present the list of the programmes technically approved and proposed for co-financing. Both financial and technical details will be discussed with the national delegations, and their comments considered.

In addition the Commission will communicate to the Member States, prior to the Commission decision, the final list of programmes selected for co-financing and the final amount allocated to each programme, during a meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed in January.

Preparatory work to frame the work programme for the implementation of the measures referred to in Articles 10, 20 and 25 will be carried out with experts of the Member States in early February of each year in order to give Member States the relevant information to establish the eradication and surveillance programmes.

