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From:	General Secretariat
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No .../.. of XXX amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks - Decision not to oppose the adoption (regulatory procedure with scrutiny)
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1. On 18 October 2013, following the positive opinion of the Commission's Committee for Spirit Drinks (on 30 September 2013) the Commission submitted for scrutiny by the Council and the European Parliament a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008¹.
2. The Working Group of Agricultural Counsellors/Attachés considered through an informal written procedure that there are no grounds for the Council to oppose the adoption of the draft Commission Regulation.

¹ 15405/13 - D029442/02.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited:

- to confirm the agreement reached by the Working Group, and
 - to ask the Council to confirm, as an "A" item on its agenda, that it is not opposed to the draft measure proposed by the Commission.
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