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To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on common rules for imports from certain third countries (recast)
- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee

1. On 28 May 2014, the Commission presented the above mentioned proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for imports from certain third countries (recast).
2. The text of the proposal is set out in document 11555/14 COMER 164 CODIF 9 CODEC 1564 + ADD 1.
3. The above proposal is based on Articles 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

4. When submitting the above proposal, the Commission suggested to the Council to consult the European Economic and Social Committee. The procedure is in accordance with Articles 304 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
 5. In view of the above, COREPER is invited to request the European Economic and Social Committee to deliver their opinion on the Commission proposal set out in document 11555/14 COMER 164 CODIF 9 CODEC 1564 + ADD 1 as soon as possible and at the latest by the end of December 2014.
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