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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No .../. of amending Regulation (EC) No 657/2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the establishment of European sample schemes = Decision not to oppose the draft measures proposed by the Commission (regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

1. On 14 November 2014, the Council received the Commission draft regulation of (EU) No .../. of amending Council Regulation (EC) No 657/2007¹ implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as regards the establishment of European sample schemes².
2. That regulation is drawn up under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny, as laid down in Council Decision 1999/468/EC, as amended by Council Decision 2006/512/EC³. The measures provided for in the draft regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee.

¹ OJ L 155, 15.6.2007, p. 7.

² 13879/14

³ OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p 11

3. Under the procedure in Article 5a(3) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC, as amended by Council Decision 2006/512/EC, such draft measures are submitted for scrutiny by the European Parliament and the Council. Acting by a qualified majority within three months from the date of referral to it, the Council may oppose the adoption of the draft measures by the Commission, if those measures exceed the implementing powers provided for in the basic instrument, are not compatible with the aim or content of the basic instrument or do not comply with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.
 4. Within a written procedure, which ended 15 December 2014, the Working Party on Statistics has been consulted on the draft implementing act. That consultation showed that no delegation intended to oppose the draft measures in question.
 5. COREPER could therefore invite the Council to decide at one of its forthcoming meeting not to oppose the draft measures proposed by the Commission, as set out in document 13879/14.
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