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## **LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS**

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

### **2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste [First reading]**

Interinstitutional file: 2013/0239 (COD)

– Exchange of views

12633/13 ENV 737 MI 666 RELEX 691 CODEC 1809

13873/13 ENV 842 MI 782 RELEX 843 CODEC 2070

The Council held an exchange of views on the above-mentioned proposal on the basis of two questions prepared by the Presidency which addressed two key aspects of the proposal: its scope and the balance struck between ensuring a level-playing field and flexibility to Member States.

Overall, ministers welcomed the Commission proposal and acknowledged the serious consequences of illegal shipments of waste and the need to deal with them effectively. While ministers supported inspection planning in principle, many ministers expressed concerns with the level of detail being requested as this would *inter alia* divert precious resources away from carrying out inspections. Some ministers also favoured guidelines.

Most ministers also agreed that while a certain degree of level playing field would increase effectiveness in dealing with illegal shipments of waste, caution must be taken to ensure sufficient flexibility to Member States to allow them to take into account national situations.

Furthermore, the majority of ministers expressed concerns with the mandatory publication of inspection plans as this could be a significant advantage to those involved in illegal shipments of waste, thus undermining the very aim of this proposal. On the other hand, many ministers welcomed the publication of the outcome of inspections as such information would be of more use to the public.

Finally, ministers broadly welcomed the new powers to authorities in carrying out investigations on shipments of waste and called for more coordination amongst Member States.

#### 4. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

##### **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 to define the modalities for reaching the 2020 target to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from new passenger cars [First reading]**

Interinstitutional file: 2012/0190 (COD)

- Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement  
12733/12 ENV 628 ENT 681 CODEC 1935  
11550/1/13 ENV 637 ENT 205 CODEC 1602 REV 1

The Council considered the compromise text set out in doc. 11550/1/13 REV 1 and confirmed its willingness to reach a swift first reading agreement with the European Parliament. The Council agreed to support the Presidency in seeking, together with the Commission, further contacts with the European Parliament in order to explore the possibility of finding some limited flexibility, while maintaining the overall balance of the compromise agreed in June and reach a solution satisfactory to all. The Presidency undertook to keep delegations informed on further steps.

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