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from: Trade Policy Committee
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2) / Council

No. Cion prop.: 14372/13 WTO 232 AGRI 631 VETER 97 SAN 373 COTRA 29

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Revised Memorandum of Understanding with the United States of America Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 2 October 2013 a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the above-mentioned revised Memorandum of Understanding ¹, as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on its conclusion ².

¹ Doc. 14369/13 WTO 229 AGRI 627 VETER 94 SAN 370 COTRA 26.

² Doc. 14372/13 WTO 232 AGRI 631 VETER 97 SAN 373 COTRA 29.

2. The Council Decision on the signing of revised Memorandum of Understanding was adopted by the Council on 18 October 2013¹. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the revised Memorandum of Understanding, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in documents 14374/13 and 14375/13, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the revised Memorandum of Understanding.
3. The revised Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 21 October 2013 with the United States of America.
4. The European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the revised Memorandum of Understanding on 10 December 2013.
5. The draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the revised Memorandum of Understanding was endorsed by the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 18 December 2013.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to recommend that the Council adopts, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the revised Memorandum of Understanding, as finalised by legal/linguistic experts and set out in documents 14374/13 and 14375/13.

¹ Published in OJ L 282, 24.10.2013, p. 35.