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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands

- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions

1. On 1 June 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands.

2. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the Committee of the Regions be consulted on an optional basis¹.
 3. Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on which the proposal is based, does not require the opinion of the Committee of the Regions. Nevertheless, given the subject matter of the proposal, it would appear appropriate to consult that Committee.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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¹ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance of the proposal.