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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs as regards certain methods, the food safety criterion for *Listeria monocytogenes* in sprouted seeds and the process hygiene criterion and food safety criterion for unpasteurised fruit and vegetable juices (ready- to-eat)
- Decision not to oppose the adoption

1. On 26 October 2018, the Commission submitted for scrutiny by the European Parliament and the Council the above draft Regulation (ST 13883/18 + ADD 1) in accordance with Article 5 bis (3)(a) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC, as modified by Council Decision No 2006/512/EC laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission.
2. The Working Party of Agricultural Counsellors considered through an informal written procedure (WK 13584/2018, WK 14585/2018), that there are no grounds for the Council to oppose the adoption of the draft Commission Regulation.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
- confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party, and
 - recommend to the Council to confirm, as an "A" item on its agenda, that there are no grounds for opposing the above draft Commission Regulation.
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