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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Special Committee on Agriculture/Council
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Subject:	COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the registration of the spirit drink 'Tequila' as a geographical indication - Decision not to oppose the adoption (regulatory procedure with scrutiny)

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1. On 13 November 2018, following the positive opinion of the Commission Committee for Spirit Drinks (on 30 October 2018), the Commission submitted for scrutiny by the Council and the European Parliament a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the registration of the spirit drink 'Tequila' as a geographical indication (GI).<sup>1</sup>
2. The Special Committee on Agriculture considered through an informal written procedure that there were no grounds for the Council to oppose the adoption of the draft Commission Regulation.

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<sup>1</sup> 14255/18

3. The Special Committee on Agriculture is therefore invited:

- to confirm the agreement reached; and
  - to ask the Council to confirm, as an "A" item on its agenda, that there are no grounds for opposing the draft measure proposed by the Commission.
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