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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	COMMISSION DIRECTIVE (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annexes I, III, V and VI to Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards purely technical adjustments

1. On 11 June 2019, the Committee established by Article 17 of Council Directive 89/391/EEC gave a favourable opinion on draft COMMISSION DIRECTIVE (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annexes I, III, V and VI to Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards purely technical adjustments. This Directive deals with the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work.
2. In accordance with the procedure in Article 5a(3) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC¹, the Commission therefore submitted the draft measure to the Council for scrutiny² on 12 July 2019.

¹ Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23), as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC (OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p. 11).

² 11232/19 + ADD 1 – D062403/01.

3. The Working Party on Social Questions considered the draft measure in a written procedure and agreed not to oppose it. The Commission was informed that in the course of the written procedure, the Austrian and the German delegations submitted their linguistic comments, in order to make the necessary modifications to the DE version of the text before the final adoption of the Commission Directive.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm the agreement reached in the Working Party, and
 - ask the Council not to oppose the draft measure proposed by the Commission.
