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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 11279/22.

2. Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

11236/22

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 11236/22 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following item the documents should read as follows:

Foreign Affairs

20. Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the 12th Ministerial Conference of the WTO
Adoption of several language versions
approved by Coreper Part 2, on 13.07.2022

10263/22
9157/1/22 **REV 1**
(en)
WTO

- b) **Legislative list** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

11238/22

Fisheries

1. Regulation amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to alleviate the consequences of the military aggression of Russia against Ukraine on fishing activities
Adoption of the legislative act
approved by Coreper Part 1, on 13.07.2022



11012/22 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 31/22
PECHE

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Articles 43(2) and 175 TFEU).

A statement to this item is set out in the Annex.

Transport

2. Regulation on temporary measures concerning Ukrainian driver documents
Adoption of the legislative act
Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU
approved by Coreper Part 1, on 13.07.2022



11192/1/22 REV 1
+ REV 1 ADD 1
PE-CONS 45/22
TRANS

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act was adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 91 TFEU).

The Council agreed to derogate from the eight- week period referred to in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments.


A statement to this item is set out in the Annex.

Internal Market and Industry

3. Regulation on contestable and fair markets in the digital sector (Digital Markets Act)  11112/22
Adoption of the legislative act PE-CONS 17/22
approved by Coreper Part 1, on 13.07.2022 RC

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 114 TFEU).


Foreign Affairs

4. Regulation on temporary trade liberalisation between the EU and Moldova  11010/22
Adoption of the legislative act PE-CONS 29/22
Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU POLCOM
approved by Coreper Part 2, on 13.07.2022

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act was adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 207(2) TFEU).

The Council agreed to derogate from the eight- week period referred to in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national Parliaments.

Economic and Financial Affairs

5. Council position on draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget for 2022: Entering the surplus of the financial year 2021  10468/22
Adoption 10469/22
approved by Coreper Part 2, on 29.06.2022 8177/22
FIN

The Council adopted its position on draft amending budget No 2/2022, as set out in documents 10468/22 and 10469/22.

Non-legislative activities

3. **Work programme of the Presidency**

Presentation by the Presidency

The Chair presented the Work Programme of the Czech Presidency concerning the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors.

AGRICULTURE

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

4. **Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products**

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

10752/22

10654/22 + ADD 1

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on its recently adopted proposal on the sustainable use of plant protection products.

The Council also took note of the observations made by Member States' delegations on this subject, as well as of the Commission's reply to the questions raised.

Non-legislative activities

5. **Implementation of the new CAP - Approval of strategic plans**

Information from the Commission

Exchange of views

11248/22

On the basis of a Presidency note set out in 11248/22, including two steering questions, the Council exchanged views on the implementation of the new common agricultural policy and the approval of Member States' strategic plans. Delegations focused on the importance of timely approval of the plans and, considering the situation in Ukraine, the need for a balanced approach between environmental and food security considerations.

The Council also took note of the information provided by the Commission on the approval process for the strategic plans.

6. **Market situation, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine**

Information from the Commission and the Member States

Exchange of views

11073/22

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Non-legislative activities

7. **Conclusions on aquaculture**  10725/22
Approval


The Council approved the conclusions on aquaculture (as set out in 11496/22).

Any other business

Agriculture

8. a) **Updating legislation on the transport of animals in the EU**  11061/22
Information from the Belgian, Danish, Dutch, German and Swedish delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Danish delegation, on behalf of the Belgian, Danish, German, Netherlands and Swedish delegations, on animal welfare during transport, as set out in 11061/22. The Council also took note of the comments made by several delegations and by the Commission.

- b) **WTO MC12 - sanitary and phytosanitary declaration “Responding to modern SPS challenges” adopted at the Ministerial conference**  11285/22
Information from the French delegation, on behalf of the Austrian, Belgian, Cyprus, French, Greek, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Luxembourg, Portuguese, Slovak and Spanish delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the French delegation on behalf of the Austrian, Belgian, Cyprus, French, Greek, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Luxembourg, Portuguese, Slovak and Spanish delegations, as set out in 11285/22. The Council also took note of the comments from delegations and the views expressed by the Commission.

- c) **Current legislative proposals**
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of
the Treaty on European Union)



**Regulation on the making available of certain
commodities and products associated with
deforestation and forest degradation**

11107/22

Information from the Presidency on the state of play

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play of the negotiations on the deforestation legislative proposal. The Council also took note of the comments made by delegations.

- d) **Serious drought situation in Hungary**
Information from the Hungarian delegation

11082/22



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

Statements to the legislative "A" items set out in doc. 11238/22

Ad "A" item 1:

Regulation amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to alleviate the consequences of the military aggression of Russia against Ukraine on fishing activities

Adoption of the legislative act

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

“The Commission welcomes the swift adoption by the European Parliament and the Council of the amendment to Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, thus making the specific support measures available to operators to alleviate the consequences of the military aggression of Russia against Ukraine on fishing activities and to mitigate the effects caused by that military aggression on the market of fishery and aquaculture products, including the additional costs of raw material, input and energy. However, the Commission urges caution in the use of the measures providing compensation for the temporary cessation of fishing activities in cases where the Russian aggression ‘impedes the economic viability of fishing operations’.

Indeed, temporary cessation is subject to the condition that all fishing activities carried out by the fishing vessel benefitting are ‘effectively suspended’, which means that the fishing vessel concerned has to stop any fishing activities during the period concerned by the temporary cessation. The Commission encourages Member States to prioritise the measures that aim to compensate additional costs and income forgone incurred due to the market disruption caused by the military aggression of Russia against Ukraine and its effects on the supply chain of fishery and aquaculture products, which are better suited to keeping the supply chain of fishery and aquaculture products functioning. Widespread use of temporary cessation could have the unintended consequence of exacerbating the disruption of the fishery supply chain because of a drop of supply on the market.”

Regulation on temporary measures concerning Ukrainian driver documents

Ad "A" item 2:

Adoption of the legislative act

Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU

STATEMENT BY POLAND

“The Republic of Poland is positive about the direction of the solutions proposed in the submitted draft regulation. Notwithstanding the above, the Polish government points out the following two issues.

First, in the opinion of the Government of the Republic of Poland, we should not make the special and temporary measures applicable to drivers' documents issued by Ukraine dependent on whether a Ukrainian citizen enjoys temporary protection or adequate protection under national legislation in accordance with Directive 2001/55/EC and Executive Decision (EU) 2022/382. The idea is to cover the maximum number of drivers, citizens of Ukraine, with the proposed regulations. The scope of the draft regulation proposed by the European Commission concerns only the group of people covered by temporary protection, that is, the vast majority of women, people over 60 years of age and minors. Of this group, few people have a driving license of a category that allows them to drive vehicles used in road transport of goods and passengers.

Secondly, in the opinion of the government, it is also reasonable to extend the subject scope of the draft regulation to extend the validity by law of documents issued to professional drivers after February 24, 2022, i.e. driver's certificates, driver's qualification cards, driver's licenses with code 95 and professional qualification certificates, for a period of 1 year - 2 years from the date of entry into force of the regulation, or until the end of the period of adoption of the so-called temporary protection. Such a solution would ensure the continuity of the authorizations held and the ability to, among other things, perform as a road transport driver.”
