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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Agriculture and Fisheries)
23 January 2024

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 5205/24.

2. Approval of 'A' items

(a) Non-legislative list

5279/24

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

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

5281/24

Internal Market and Industry

1. Directive amending Directive 2005/36/EC as regards the recognition of professional qualifications of nurses responsible for general care trained in Romania



5199/24
PE-CONS 66/23
MI

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 17 January 2024

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 46, 53(1) and 62 TFEU).

Health

2. Regulation on fees and charges payable to EMA



5183/24
PE-CONS 59/23
PHARM

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 17 January 2024

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 and Article 168(4), points (b) and (c) TFEU).

3. Decision on an authorisation addressed to France to negotiate a bilateral agreement with Algeria (civil and commercial matters)



5136/24 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 65/23
JUSTCIV

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18 January 2024

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 81(2) TFEU). In accordance with the relevant Protocols annexed to the Treaties, Denmark and Ireland did not participate in the vote.

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

4. Council Decision empowering France to negotiate a bilateral agreement with Algeria concerning judicial cooperation in civil matters related to family law



5094/24
15124/23
JUSTCIV

Adoption

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18 January 2024

The Council adopted the Council Decision as finalised by the legal/linguist experts as set out in document 15124/23 (legal basis: Article 81(3) TFEU). In accordance with the relevant Protocols annexed to the Treaties, Denmark and Ireland did not participate in the vote.

Non-legislative activities

3. **Work programme of the Presidency**
Presentation by the Presidency



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

AGRICULTURE

4. Trade-related agricultural issues
Information from the Commission
Exchange of views

5503/24

5. **Strategic dialogue on the future of agriculture in the EU**
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
Exchange of views



5145/24

The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission's strategic dialogue on the future of agriculture in the EU. It took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission.

Legislative activities

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

6. **Regulation on a monitoring framework for resilient European forests**
Exchange of views





5229/24


The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on a monitoring framework for resilient European forests on the basis of the three questions proposed by the Presidency.

The Council also took note of delegations' comments and of the Commission's response, which would help to frame the future work that would start swiftly at technical level.


Any other business

7. a) Sanctions on Russian food and agricultural product imports into the European Union in order to further weaken Russia's ability to wage its war against Ukraine
Information from the Latvian delegation, on behalf of the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian delegations 5522/24
- b) The need to include in the new Autonomous Trade Measures (ATM) Regulation for Ukraine effective solutions to prevent excessive agricultural imports from Ukraine and the negative impact on the agricultural sector of the EU and its Member States, in particular those bordering Ukraine
Information from the Polish delegation 5591/24
- c) **Proper implementation of the Area Monitoring System to ensure the objective of simplification and reduction of administrative burden**  5554/24
Information from the Czech delegation, supported by the Bulgarian, Croatian, Cyprus, Danish, Estonian, Finnish, French, Greek, Hungarian, Luxembourg, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Slovak and Swedish delegations
- The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech delegation, delegations' comments and the Commission's reply.
- d) **The re-evaluation of the Annexes of Habitats Directive as regards certain Large Carnivore Populations**  5478/24
Information from the Finnish delegation, supported by the Austrian, Czech, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Romanian, Slovak and Swedish delegations


The Council took note of the information provided by the Finnish delegation, delegations' comments and the Commission's reply.

- e) **Initiative for the resilience of water bodies and water availability in the European Union**  5504/24
Information from the Portuguese delegation, supported by the Cyprus, Hungarian, Italian and Romanian delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Portuguese delegation, delegations' comments and the Commission's reply.

- f) **The use of RENURE in anticipation of the evaluation of the Nitrates Directive**  5502/24
Information from the Netherlands delegation, supported by the Danish and Italian delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands delegation, delegations' comments and the Commission's reply.

- g) **The CAP's role on safeguarding high-quality and primary farm-based food production**  5469/1/24 REV 1
Information from the Austrian, French and Italian delegations, supported by the Czech, Cypriot, Greek, Hungarian, Luxembourg, Maltese, Polish, Romanian, Slovak and Spanish delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Austrian delegation, delegations' comments and the Commission's reply.



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. 5281/24

Ad "A" item 3: **Decision on an authorisation addressed to France to negotiate a bilateral agreement with Algeria (civil and commercial matters)**
Adoption of the legislative act

STATEMENT BY IRELAND

“The Decision proposes to authorise France to negotiate a bilateral agreement with Algeria on matters related to judicial co-operation in civil and commercial matters.

Ireland understands the exceptional context of the proposed Decision as outlined by both the Commission and by France, to whom it is solely addressed. Ireland welcomes the agreement on the proposal and fully supports France being authorised to negotiate and conclude the agreement with Algeria.

The proposed Decision is pursuant to Article 81(2) and as the Article is within Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Protocol No. 21 to the TEU and the TFEU applies.

Ireland participates in and is bound by the underlying acquis that this proposed Decision concerns¹. Ireland therefore regards itself as bound by the proposed Decision in accordance with the terms of Article 6 of Protocol 21 TFEU.

In view of these circumstances, Ireland does not consider that the question of Ireland’s participation or non-participation in the proposed Decision under 4 of Protocol 21 TFEU arises as currently reflected in Recital (11) of the Decision on the position of Ireland.

Ireland considers, as per precedent that the following recital would more accurately reflect Ireland’s participation in the measures, having regard to the provisions of Article 6 of Protocol 21:

¹ Legal Aid Directive 2002/8/EC – Recital 33; Jurisdiction, Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters Regulation (EU) 1215/2012 – Recital 40; Taking of Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 – Recital 37; Service of (Judicial and Extra-judicial) Documents Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 – Recital 47

Civil and commercial bilateral

“Ireland is bound by Council Directive 2002/8/EC of 27 January 2003 to improve access to justice in cross-border disputes by establishing minimum common rules relating to legal aid for such disputes; Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (recast); Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (recast), and Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) (recast), and is therefore taking part in the adoption of this Decision.”

This approach is without prejudice to Ireland’s underlying position on this matter.”
