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Subject: Consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee by the Council

Consultation of the European Parliament by the Council

on a proposal for a Council Decision amending Directives (EU) 2017/2455 and (EU) 2019/1995 as regards the dates of transposition and application due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis

[ref. 2020/0082 (CNS) - COM(2020) 198 final - 7887/20]

In accordance with the procedure adopted by the Council (see Article 12(2)(c) of its Rules of Procedure), we hereby submit the above consultation for approval by the Council.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, citizens, businesses, public administrations and the economies of the Member States are facing unprecedented challenges across the EU. Given the shift of priorities and re-allocation of resources from the implementation of the new VAT e-commerce rules to fighting this pandemic, the proposal of the Commission seeks to address the urgent need for deferring their application. It is appropriate to request that the opinions are delivered by 10 July 2020 at the latest, taking into account the exceptional situation.

Please email any comments to consultations@consilium.europa.eu by **16.00 on 15 May 2020**.

If no comments are received by that deadline, the decision to consult will be deemed to have been taken.