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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Committee established under the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, as regards a recommendation on the application of Article 27 of the Protocol concerning the definition of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation
- Adoption

1. On 24 August 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council the above mentioned proposal (doc. 10306/20 + ADD 1).
2. The Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) was consulted on this text in writing and endorsed it as modified to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.
3. In the light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:

- adopt the Council Decision as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in documents 10584/20 and 10586/20;
 - decide to order the publication in the Official Journal of the European Union of the Recommendation of the EU - Republic of Korea Customs Committee, as set out in document 10586/20, once adopted;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament; and
 - decide to enter in its minutes the statement contained in annex to this note.
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Statement by the Commission:

The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate.
