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'I' ITEM NOTE

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

Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014 (**first reading**)
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 7 June 2018 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on articles 43(2), 114, 168(4), 173 and 338 of the TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 17 October 2018².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 5 December 2018³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 12 February 2019⁴.

¹ 9890/18.

² OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 40–44.

³ OJ C 86, 7.3.2019, p. 259–271.

⁴ 6212/19.

5. On 18 December 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the final compromise text on the above draft Regulation⁵.
6. On 15 January 2021 the Chair of the IMCO Committee sent a letter to the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee indicating that, should the Council formally transmit to the European Parliament its position as agreed during trilogues, she would recommend to the Plenary that the Council's position be accepted without amendment, subject to legal-linguistic verification, at Parliament's second reading.
7. Due to the special circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2021/454⁶, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of its position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014, as set out in document 14281/20, and the Statement of reasons, as set out in document 14281/20 ADD 1.

⁵ 13838/20.

⁶ Council Decision (EU) 2021/454 of 12 March 2021, further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253, (EU) 2020/1659 and (EU) 2021/26, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 89, 16.3.2021, p. 15–16).