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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards official controls on animals and products of animal origin exported from third countries to the Union in order to ensure compliance with the prohibition of certain uses of antimicrobials and Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 as regards the direct supply of meat from poultry and lagomorphs (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 9 March 2021 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Articles 43(2), 114 and 168(4)(b) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 24 August 2021².
3. The Committee of the Regions renounced to give its opinion.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 September 2021. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ 6916/21.
² OJ C 341, 24.8.2021, p. 107–107.
³ 11761/21.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 46/21, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
6. The statement by Belgium for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum 1.
7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
