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MEETING ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 14853/19.

Later on the day, the Council agreed that item 6 d) be taken in public session.

2. Approval of "A" items

- a) **Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)** 14879/19

Economic and Financial Affairs

1. **Exemption from VAT and excise duty as regards defence effort within the Union framework** **SC** 14809/19
Adoption 14126/19
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 11.12.2019 FISC

The Council adopted the Council Directive amending Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax and Directive 2008/118/EC concerning the general arrangements for excise duty as regards defence efforts within the Union framework, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts in doc. 14126/19 (Legal basis: Article 113 TFUE).

Energy

2. **Regulation on tyre labelling** **IC** 14640/19
Political agreement ENER
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 11.12.2019

The Council confirmed its political agreement, as reflected in doc. 14640/19.

- b) **Non-legislative list** 14878/19

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 14878/19 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

FISHERIES

Non-legislative activities

3. **Council Regulation on Atlantic and North Sea TACs and Quotas for 2020** ☐ 14790/19
13438/19
+ ADD 1-2
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 43(3) of the TFEU)
Political agreement

The Council reached unanimous political agreement on the Regulation fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters.

Legislative deliberations

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

4. **Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards Eastern Baltic cod** 🗳️☐ 14990/19 + ADD 1
14802/19
+ COR 1-2
General approach

The Council adopted a General Approach on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the EMFF and the Baltic multi-annual plan as regards Eastern Baltic cod, on the basis of the Presidency's compromise set out in doc. 14802. The Commission indicated that it was not in a position to support the agreed compromise. Latvia abstained.

AGRICULTURE

Legislative deliberations

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

5. **Post-2020 CAP reform package** 🗳️☐ 14983/19 + COR 1
- a) **Regulation on CAP Strategic Plans**
 - b) **Regulation on financing, management and monitoring of the CAP**
 - c) **Regulation on common market organisation (CMO) of agricultural products**

Progress report
Exchange of views

The Council took note of the Presidency Progress Report on the Commission proposals for the post-2020 Common Agricultural Policy, as set out in doc. 14983/19 and the related corrigendum, and of delegations' as well as the Commission's comments on it.

Any other business

6. a) **Pesticides minor use** [2] 14703/19
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency, of the Member States' reactions and of the Commission's comments.

- b) **Information to consumers about the origin of food products** [2] 14927/1/19 REV 1
Information from the French delegation, on behalf of the French, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the French delegation, on behalf of France, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain, as well as of the comments from the other delegations and from the Commission.

- c) **Conclusions on the updated EU bioeconomy strategy** [2] 14907/19
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the adoption of Council conclusions on the updated EU Bioeconomy Strategy "A sustainable Bioeconomy for Europe: strengthening the connection between economy, society and the environment", on the basis of doc. 14907/19.

- d) **Impact of US tariffs on European agrifood products** [2] 15031/19
Information from the Spanish and French delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Spanish and French delegations, of Member States' reactions and of the Commission's comments.

FISHERIES

Non-legislative activities

3. **(continuation) Council Regulation on Atlantic and North Sea TACs and Quotas for 2020** ☐ 14790/19
13438/19
+ ADD 1-2
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 43(3) of the TFEU)
Political agreement

See page 4.

Any other business

7. **Budget flexibility within the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2014-2020** ☐ 14906/1/19 REV 1
Information from the Czech delegation, on behalf of the Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, and Romanian delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech delegation on behalf of the Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian and Romanian delegations regarding budget flexibility of the current European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and of the comments made by delegations and by the Commission.

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- ☐ Special legislative procedure
① First reading
☐ Item based on a Commission proposal
☐ Public debate proposed by the Presidency