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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 on preventing plastic pellet losses to reduce microplastic pollution (first reading) - Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 16 October 2023, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 14 February 2024².

¹ 14248/23 + ADD 1-7.

² OJ C, C/2024/2487, 23.4.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/2487/oj>.

3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 18 April 2024³.
 4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 23 April 2024⁴.
 5. On 14 May 2025, the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) confirmed the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Regulation, after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament. Subsequently, its Chair sent a letter to the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee stating that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic revision) without amendments⁵.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in 9047/25, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 9047/25 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Germany abstaining.
 7. The statements for the minutes of the Council are set out in the Addendum to this note.
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³ OJ C, C/2024/3675, 26.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/3675/oj>.

⁴ 10567/24.

⁵ 11502/25.