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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for non-commercial movement of pet animals COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 as regards rules for the traceability of kept dogs, cats and ferrets COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 as regards rules for the movement within the Union of kept dogs, cats and ferrets and other carnivore COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 as regards rules for surveillance and disease-free status from infestation with Echinococcus multilocularis COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets - Intention not to raise objections

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1. On 20 January 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council the following delegated acts in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 290 TFEU and in particular with the specific Articles of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 ('Animal Health Law')[1] indicated below:

a. COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for non-commercial movement of pet animals (C(2026) 0020 final)[2]

- *legal basis: second subparagraph of Article 3(5), Article 245(3), Article 246(3), Article 249(3), Article 252(1) and Article 254 of Animal Health Law*

b. COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 as regards rules for the traceability of kept dogs, cats and ferrets (C(2026) 0021 final)[3]

- *legal basis: second subparagraph of Article 3(5) and Article 118(1) and (2) of Animal Health Law*

c. COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 as regards rules for the movement within the Union of kept dogs, cats and ferrets and other carnivore (C(2026) 0022 final)[4]

- *legal basis: second subparagraph of Article 3(5), Article 136(2) and Article 140, point (a)(i) of Animal Health Law*

d. COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 as regards rules for surveillance and disease-free status from infestation with Echinococcus multilocularis (C(2026) 0023 final)[5]

- *legal basis: Article 29, Article 39, Article 41(3) and Article 42(6) of Animal Health Law*

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1 Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law')
2 ST 5586/26.
3 ST 5591/26 + ADD 1.
4 ST 5588/26 + ADD 1.
5 ST 5592/26 + ADD 1.

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2. On 9 February 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council the following delegated act in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 290 TFEU and in particular with Article 234(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 ('Animal Health Law'):

- COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets (C(2026) 0024 final).[6]

3. The purpose of the five interlinked delegated acts referred to in points 1 and 2 is to take over the rules on non-commercial movements of pet animals currently laid down in Regulation (EU) No 576/2013[7], which was repealed by the 'Animal Health Law' with a transitional period until 21 April 2026, and to create a new set of rules applicable to non-commercial movements of pet animals under the 'Animal Health Law'. The Council may object to the delegated acts referred to in point 1 of this note until 21 March 2026 and to the delegated act referred to in point 2 until 10 April 2026.

4. On 12 February 2026, Commissioner Várhelyi addressed a letter[8] to the Presidency requesting an early non-objection by the Council regarding the five delegated acts in order to avoid a legal vacuum and to ensure a smooth transition from the rules laid down in Regulation (EU) 576/2013 to this new set of rules.

5. During the silence consultation launched after reception of the above delegated acts, one delegation raised an objection[9] to the delegated act referred to in point 1 a. of this note. No objections were raised to the delegated acts referred in points 1 b, 1 c, 1 d and point 2 of this note.

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6 ST 6241/26 + ADD 1.

7 Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on the non-commercial movements of pet animals and repealing Regulation (EC) No 998/2003.

8 ST 6392/26.

9 WK 2825/2026.

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6. Consequently, the Presidency organised a meeting of Counsellors/Attachés (Agri – Animals and Veterinary Questions) on 25 February 2026 to address the objection raised to the delegated act referred to in point 1 a. At that meeting, the Presidency noted that there was no qualified majority in favour of objecting to that act.

7. It is therefore suggested that Coreper recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, confirm that it has no intention to object to the delegated acts referred to in points 1 and 2 and that the Commission and the European Parliament be informed accordingly.

8. This implies that, unless the European Parliament objects to it, the delegated acts shall be published and enter into force in accordance with Article 264(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 (‘Animal Health Law’).

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