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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 plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their products, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 5 July 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Articles 43, 114 and 168(4)(b) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 26 October 2023².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 17 April 2024³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 24 April 2024⁴.

¹ 11592/23 + ADD 1 to 5.

² OJ C, C/2024/893, 6.2.2024, ELI: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/893/oj>.

³ OJ C, C/2024/3674, 26.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/3674/oj>.

⁴ 10952/24.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 19 December 2025 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Regulation⁵, after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament.
6. On 5 February 2026, the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) confirmed the provisional agreement. 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 amendments⁶.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in 17037/25, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 17037/25 ADD 1 + COR 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Croatia, Hungary, Austria, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia voting against and Belgium, Bulgaria and Germany abstaining.
8. The statements for the minutes of the Council are set out in the Addendum to this note.

⁵ 16659/25.

⁶ 6131/26.