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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 official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) (First reading) - Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 6 May 2013 the Commission submitted to the European Parliament and to the Council the above-mentioned proposal, based on Article 43(2), Article 114 and Article 168(4)(b) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) (ordinary legislative procedure)¹.

¹ 9464/13+ADD1+ADD2

2. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions delivered their opinions on 16-17 October 2013 and 29 November 2013 respectively.
 3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 April 2014².
 4. At its 3487th meeting on 10 October 2016, the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") reached a political agreement on the position of the Council at first reading on the aforementioned Regulation³.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest to the Council to adopt the Council's position at first reading and the statement of the Council's reasons as set out respectively in documents 10755/16 and 10755/16 ADD 1 as an 'A' item of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, with the Austrian delegation abstaining.
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² 8304/14

³ In accordance with the letter of 12 July 2016, sent by the Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety of the European Parliament to the President of the Permanent Representatives Committee, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.