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from: Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)
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to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council

Subject: Special report No 14/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled
"Implementation of EU hygiene legislation in slaughterhouses of countries that
joined the EU since 2004"
- Adoption of Council conclusions

1. At its meeting on 6 November 2012, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) examined the Special report No 14/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Implementation of EU hygiene legislation in slaughterhouses of countries that joined the EU since 2004" (doc. 15667/12).
2. At its meeting on 4 December 2012, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) reached agreement on draft Council conclusions on the above report.
3. In accordance with the conclusions adopted by the Council on 8 May 2000 on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) invites the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest to the Council that it adopt the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note as an "A" item at a forthcoming session.

DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

**on the Special report No 14/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled
"Implementation of EU hygiene legislation in slaughterhouses of countries that joined the EU
since 2004"**

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- (1) WELCOMES the Special Report No 14/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Implementation of EU hygiene legislation in slaughterhouses of countries that joined the EU since 2004";
- (2) WELCOMES the Court's conclusion that overall the design of systems for supervision of hygiene requirements by the commission and the competent authorities in the newly acceding Member States was adequate; NOTES that regarding both the implementation of Member states' veterinary controls, and the implementation of hygiene and food safety requirements by the Food Business Operators, there were suitable procedures in place to comply with the requirements;
- (3) UNDERLINES that any weaknesses found do not individually or collectively call into question the overall design of the systems to ensure that hygiene requirements are applied; CONSIDERS that the Commission has an effective system for detecting weaknesses in Member States food and feed controls;
- (4) RECALLS that on 17 October 2011, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development (EAFRD)¹, which is currently being examined in Council and by the Council's preparatory bodies;
- (5) CONSIDERS, in this context, that the Court's recommendations with regard to the selection and evaluation of projects could be taken into account in the proceedings on the above proposal.

¹ 15425/11 + REV 1 (en, fr, de)