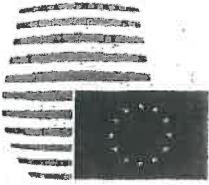


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Subject: Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on computerising the movement and surveillance of excise goods (recast) (2018/0187 (COD))

Dear Mr. Gualtieri,

Following the informal contacts between the representatives of the three institutions, the Permanent Representatives Committee today agreed to accept without amendments the abovementioned Decision.

I am therefore now in a position to confirm that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 114, paragraph 1 of the Treaty, and should this position contain no amendments to the Commission proposal, the Council would, in accordance with Article 114, paragraph 1 of the Treaty, approve the European Parliament's position. The text of the Commission proposal would then be adopted subject, if necessary, to revision by the lawyer-linguists of both institutions. Adoption of the Decision will take place simultaneously or after the adoption, by the Council, of the Directive on the general arrangements for excise duty.

On behalf of the Council, I wish to thank you for your cooperation, which should enable us to reach agreement on this dossier at first reading.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Odoescu', written in a cursive style.

Luminita ODOBESCU
Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee
(Part 2)

copy to: **Mr. Pierre Moscovici**, Member of the European Commission