Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the 'Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals'

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On 30 June 2009 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 152, 4b) of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

'*Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals*'

Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the contents of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its earlier opinions CES 1411/2000 and CESE 1705/2007 adopted on 29 November 2000 (*) and 12 December 2007 (**), it decided, at its 456th plenary session, held on 30 September-1 October 2009 (meeting of 30 September 2009), by 180 votes in favour and 9 abstentions to issue an opinion endorsing the proposal and to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned document.

Brussels, 30 September 2009.

The President
of the European Economic and Social Committee
Mario SEPI

(*) EESC Opinion on the *Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the animal-health requirements applicable to non-commercial movement of pet animals* - OJ C 116 of 20.4.2001, p. 54.

(**) EESC Opinion on the *Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals as regards the extension of the transitional period* – OJ C 120 of 16.5.2008, p. 49.