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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 the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability **(first reading)**<br>- Adoption of the legislative act |

1. On 7 December 2023 the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Articles 43(2) and 114 TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 21 March 2024[2].

3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

4. On 28 April 2026 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal[3]. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

1 16406/23 + ADD 1.
2 OJ C, C/2024/3388, 31.5.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/3388/oj.
3 8336/26.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 2/26, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Czechia abstaining.

6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum to this note.

7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

   After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.