Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions for trade in and imports into the Union of breeding animals and their germinal products

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On 25 February 2014 the European Parliament and on 19 March the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 42 and 43(2) of the TFEU, on the

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Since the Committee has already set out its views on the content of the proposal in question in its opinions CES 4014-2013_00_00_AC, adopted on 16 October 2013* (*) and CES 1334/88 adopted on 14 December 1988* (**), it decided, at its 497th plenary session of 25 and 26 March 2014 (meeting of 25 March), by 135 votes to 3 with 17 abstentions, not to draw up a new opinion on the subject, but to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned documents.

Brussels, 25 March 2014

The President of the European Economic and Social Committee Henri MALOSSE

^{*} EESC opinion NAT/611 on the Proposal for a 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, plant reproductive material, plant protection products and amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, 1829/2003, 1831/2003, 1/2005, 396/2005, 834/2007, 1099/2009, 1069/2009, 1107/2009, Regulations (EU) No 1151/2012, [....]/2013, and Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC, 2008/120/EC and 2009/128/EC (Official controls Regulation) and the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC, OJ 2014/C 67/34, page 166 of 6 March 2014.

^{(**) *} ESC opinion AGR/337 on the Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) laying down zootechnical and pedigree requirements for the marketing of purebred animals, OJ 89/C 56/10, page 25 of 6 March 1989.