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Subject: 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  
- *Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions*

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1. On 11 February 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a 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.
2. The proposal is based on Articles 42 and 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which do not require the opinion of the Committee of the Regions.
3. Nevertheless, in view of the subject matter of the proposal, the Commission suggests to consult that body on an optional basis.

4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Article 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request the Committee to give its opinion as soon as possible.

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