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Directorate R –Management of Resources
The Director

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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF
DG SG

**Subject: Reply to interservice consultation on the draft Decision and
Implementing Rules on Records Management and Archives**

Decide consultation ref.: ISC/2020/00857 – DG SG

Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development **gives a positive opinion subject to the following comments** (relevant to the articles/paragraphs mentioned below):

Draft Decision:

- *Article 3 – Definitions*: Please include in the Decision definitions of an electronic signature, advance electronic signature and qualified electronic signature.

Draft Implementing Rules:

- *Chapter I, point 3: Electronic signatures*: Distinctions between electronic signature, advance electronic signature and qualified electronic signature are not clear enough. Please provide more clarity and explain the difference between the three electronic signatures types. Please also give examples of the applications that are used for advanced and qualified electronic signatures.

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