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(Legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

REGULATION (EU) No 1383/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 18 December 2014
amending Council Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 introducing autonomous trade preferences for the
Republic of Moldova

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 55/2008⁽²⁾ established a specific scheme of autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Moldova. That scheme gives all products originating in the Republic of Moldova free access to the Union market, except for certain agricultural products listed in Annex I to that Regulation for which limited concessions have been granted either in the form of exemption from customs duties within the limit of tariff quotas or of reduction of customs duties.
- (2) In the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), the EU-Moldova ENP Action Plan and the Eastern Partnership, the Republic of Moldova has adopted an ambitious agenda for political association and further economic integration with the Union. The Republic of Moldova has also already made strong progress on regulatory approximation leading to convergence with Union laws and standards.
- (3) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part⁽³⁾ (the Association Agreement), including the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA), was signed on 27 June 2014 and the provisional application was effective from 1 September 2014.
- (4) The specific scheme of autonomous trade preferences will continue to apply until 31 December 2015.
- (5) In order to support the efforts of the Republic of Moldova in accordance with the objectives set out in the ENP, the Eastern Partnership and the Association Agreement, and to provide an attractive and reliable market for its exports of fresh apples, fresh plums and fresh table grapes, further concessions should be made for the import of those products from the Republic of Moldova into the Union, on the basis of duty free tariff quotas.
- (6) It is also necessary to amend certain CN codes in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 in order to reflect the amendments introduced in Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87⁽⁴⁾ by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1001/2013⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Position of the European Parliament of 17 December 2014 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and decision of the Council of 18 December 2014.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 of 21 January 2008 introducing autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Moldova and amending Regulation (EC) No 980/2005 and Commission Decision 2005/924/EC (OJ L 20, 24.1.2008, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1001/2013 of 4 October 2013 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 290, 31.10.2013, p. 1).

- (7) In order to allow the operators to benefit from those further concessions as soon as possible, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (8) In view of the seasonal production peak of those products, it is appropriate to apply the further concessions from 1 August 2014.
- (9) Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 55/2008, Table 1 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 August 2014.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 2014.

For the European Parliament

The President

M. SCHULZ

For the Council

The President

S. GOZI

ANNEX

1. PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL DUTY FREE TARIFF QUOTAS

Order No	CN Code	Description	2008 ⁽¹⁾	2009 ⁽¹⁾	2010 ⁽¹⁾	2011 ⁽¹⁾	2012 ⁽¹⁾	2013 ⁽¹⁾	2014 ⁽¹⁾	2015 ⁽¹⁾
09.0504	0201 to 0204	Fresh, chilled and frozen meat of bovine animals, swine and sheep and goats	3 000 ⁽²⁾	3 000 ⁽²⁾	4 000 ⁽²⁾	4 000 ⁽²⁾	4 000 ⁽²⁾	4 000 ⁽²⁾	4 000 ⁽²⁾	4 000 ⁽²⁾
09.0505	ex 0207	Meat and edible offal of the poultry of heading 0105, fresh, chilled or frozen, other than fatty livers of subheading 0207 43	400 ⁽²⁾	400 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾
09.0506	ex 0210	Meat and edible meat offal of swine and bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal of domestic swine and bovine animals	400 ⁽²⁾	400 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾
09.4210	0401 to 0406	Dairy products	1 000 ⁽²⁾	1 000 ⁽²⁾	1 500 ⁽²⁾	1 500 ⁽²⁾	1 500 ⁽²⁾	1 500 ⁽²⁾	1 500 ⁽²⁾	1 500 ⁽²⁾
09.0507	0407 00	Birds' eggs, in shells	90 ⁽³⁾	95 ⁽³⁾	100 ⁽³⁾	110 ⁽³⁾	120 ⁽³⁾	120 ⁽³⁾	120 ⁽³⁾	120 ⁽³⁾
09.0508	ex 0408	Birds' eggs, not in shells, and egg yolks, other than those unfit for human consumption	200 ⁽²⁾	200 ⁽²⁾	300 ⁽²⁾	300 ⁽²⁾	300 ⁽²⁾	300 ⁽²⁾	300 ⁽²⁾	300 ⁽²⁾
09.0515	0806 10 10	Fresh table grapes	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 000 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	10 000 ⁽²⁾
09.0516	0808 10 80	Fresh apples (at the exception of cider apples, in bulk, from 16 September to 15 December)	—	—	—	—	—	—	40 000 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	40 000 ⁽²⁾
09.0517	0809 40 05	Fresh plums	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 000 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	10 000 ⁽²⁾
09.0509	1001 91 20 1001 91 90 1001 99	Other spelt (other than spelt for sowing), common wheat and meslin	25 000 ⁽²⁾	30 000 ⁽²⁾	35 000 ⁽²⁾	40 000 ⁽²⁾	50 000 ⁽²⁾	55 000 ⁽²⁾	60 000 ⁽²⁾	65 000 ⁽²⁾

Order No	CN Code	Description	2008 ⁽¹⁾	2009 ⁽¹⁾	2010 ⁽¹⁾	2011 ⁽¹⁾	2012 ⁽¹⁾	2013 ⁽¹⁾	2014 ⁽¹⁾	2015 ⁽¹⁾
09.0510	1003 90 00	Barley	20 000 ⁽²⁾	25 000 ⁽²⁾	30 000 ⁽²⁾	35 000 ⁽²⁾	45 000 ⁽²⁾	50 000 ⁽²⁾	55 000 ⁽²⁾	60 000 ⁽²⁾
09.0511	1005 90	Maize	15 000 ⁽²⁾	20 000 ⁽²⁾	25 000 ⁽²⁾	30 000 ⁽²⁾	40 000 ⁽²⁾	45 000 ⁽²⁾	50 000 ⁽²⁾	55 000 ⁽²⁾
09.0512	1601 00 91 and 1601 00 99	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products	500 ⁽²⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	600 ⁽²⁾	600 ⁽²⁾	600 ⁽²⁾	600 ⁽²⁾	600 ⁽²⁾	600 ⁽²⁾
	ex 1602	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: — of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domes- ticus</i> , uncooked, — of domestic swine, — of bovine animals, uncooked								
09.0513	1701 99 10	White Sugar	15 000 ⁽²⁾	18 000 ⁽²⁾	26 000 ⁽²⁾	34 000 ⁽²⁾	34 000 ⁽²⁾	34 000 ⁽²⁾	34 000 ⁽²⁾	34 000 ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ From 1 January until 31 December, except for 2008, for which the tariff quotas apply from the first day of application of the Regulation until 31 December.

⁽²⁾ Tonnes (net weight).

⁽³⁾ Million units.

⁽⁴⁾ For 2014, the tariff quota applies from 1 August until 31 December.'

REGULATION (EU) No 1384/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 18 December 2014
on the tariff treatment for goods originating in Ecuador

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 329 of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part ⁽²⁾ ('the Agreement') signed on 26 June 2012, provides for the possible accession to the Agreement of other Member Countries of the Andean Community.
- (2) Following the request by Ecuador to restart negotiations with the Union to become a Party to the Agreement, negotiations were conducted between the Union and Ecuador in 2014. As a result of those negotiations, a Protocol of Accession by Ecuador to the Agreement ('the Protocol of Accession') was initialled on 12 December 2014.
- (3) Following the initialling of the Protocol of Accession, an interim reciprocal arrangement is necessary for the establishment of a free-trade area with Ecuador in order to avoid unnecessary trade disruption. Therefore, as from 1 January 2015, customs duties applied on the date of initialling of the Protocol of Accession should not be increased nor new customs duties applied to goods originating in Ecuador.
- (4) This Regulation therefore provides for the maintenance of the level of duty rates applicable to goods originating in Ecuador on 12 December 2014 as from 1 January 2015.
- (5) The tariff treatment provided for under this Regulation is without prejudice to measures taken under Council Regulations (EC) No 260/2009 ⁽³⁾, (EC) No 597/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ or (EC) No 1225/2009 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (6) As a condition for the application of the tariff treatment provided for under this Regulation, Ecuador should abstain from introducing new duties or charges having equivalent effect and new quantitative restrictions or measures having equivalent effect for imports from the Union, or from increasing existing levels of duties or charges or from introducing any other restrictions from 12 December 2014.
- (7) To ensure that Ecuador maintains its commitment to core international conventions on human and labour rights, environmental protection and good governance, the application of this Regulation should be subject to the continued and effective implementation of those conventions by Ecuador.
- (8) In order to prevent any risk of fraud, the entitlement to benefit from the tariff treatment provided for under this Regulation should be conditional on compliance by Ecuador with the relevant rules of origin of goods and the procedures related thereto.
- (9) It is necessary to provide for the application of Common Customs Tariff duties with regard to any goods originating in Ecuador which cause, or threaten to cause, serious difficulties to Union producers of like or directly competing products, subject to an investigation by the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Position of the European Parliament of 17 December 2014 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and decision of the Council of 18 December 2014.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 354, 21.12.2012, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 260/2009 of 26 February 2009 on the common rules for imports (OJ L 84, 31.3.2009, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 597/2009 of 11 June 2009 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Community (OJ L 188, 18.7.2009, p. 93).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 of 30 November 2009 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community (OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 51).

- (10) In the event of failure to comply with any of the conditions laid down in this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission to suspend temporarily, in whole or in part, the tariff treatment provided for herein. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾.
- (11) This Regulation should be applied until six months after the entry into force or date of provisional application of the Protocol of Accession, and until 31 December 2016 at the latest,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation:

- (a) 'tariff treatment' means the customs duties and treatment applied to goods originating in Ecuador as provided for by Article 2;
- (b) 'Common Customs Tariff duties' means the duties specified in Part II of Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 ⁽²⁾, except those duties established as part of tariff quotas;
- (c) 'goods originating in Ecuador' means product(s) that conform(s) to the origin requirements under Title II, Chapter 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 ⁽³⁾ and, depending on the tariff treatment sought pursuant to Article 2 of this Regulation, Title IV, Chapter 1 or Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 1 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 ⁽⁴⁾.

Article 2

Tariff treatment

1. Customs duties applied to goods originating in Ecuador on 12 December 2014 shall not be increased and no new customs duties introduced after that date shall be applied to those goods.
2. The tariff treatment provided for in paragraph 1 shall be applied without prejudice to any measures taken under Regulations (EC) No 260/2009, (EC) No 597/2009 or (EC) No 1225/2009.

Article 3

Conditions for entitlement to the tariff treatment

Entitlement to benefit from the tariff treatment set out in Article 2 shall be subject to:

- (a) Ecuador complying with the rules of origin referred to in Article 1(c) and the procedures related thereto, including, as appropriate, the effective administrative cooperation provisions applicable on 12 December 2014;
- (b) Ecuador abstaining from introducing new duties or charges having equivalent effect and new quantitative restrictions or measures having equivalent effect for imports from the Union, or from increasing existing levels of duties or charges or from introducing any other restrictions from 12 December 2014;
- (c) maintaining the ratification and ensuring effective implementation on the part of Ecuador of the covenants, conventions and protocols listed in the Annex, and accepting without reservation the reporting requirements, regular monitoring and review of Ecuador's implementation record in accordance with the provisions of the covenants, conventions and protocols it has ratified;
- (d) Ecuador cooperating with the Commission and providing all information necessary to assess Ecuador's compliance with the requirements in point (c);
- (e) Ecuador conducting continuous efforts to sign and ratify the Protocol of Accession.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1).

*Article 4***Temporary suspension**

Where the Commission finds that there is sufficient evidence of a failure to comply with the conditions set out in Article 3, the Commission may adopt implementing acts in order to suspend the tariff treatment temporarily, in respect of all or certain goods originating in Ecuador. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 6(2).

*Article 5***Safeguard clause**

Where goods originating in Ecuador are imported in volumes and/or at prices which cause, or threaten to cause, serious difficulties to Union producers of like or directly competing products, the Commission may reintroduce the Common Customs Tariff duties for those goods following the procedural rules laid down in Regulation (EU) No 19/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾, *mutatis mutandis*.

*Article 6***Committee procedure**

1. For the implementation of Article 4 of this Regulation, the Commission shall be assisted by the Customs Code Committee established by Article 248a of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
2. Where a reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

*Article 7***Entry into force, application and expiry**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2015.

This Regulation shall expire six months after the Protocol of Accession enters into force or is applied provisionally, or on 31 December 2016, whichever occurs first. The Commission shall publish a notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union* in the event that this Regulation ceases to apply before 31 December 2016.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 2014.

For the European Parliament

The President

M. SCHULZ

For the Council

The President

S. GOZI

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) No 19/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part (OJ L 17, 19.1.2013, p. 1).

ANNEX

COVENANTS, CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(C)**CORE HUMAN AND LABOUR RIGHTS UN/ILO CONVENTIONS**

1. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948)
2. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1965)
3. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)
4. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966)
5. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (1979)
6. Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1984)
7. Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989)
8. Convention concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour, No 29 (1930)
9. Convention concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise, No 87 (1948)
10. Convention concerning the Application of the Principles of the Right to Organise and to Bargain Collectively, No 98 (1949)
11. Convention concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value, No 100 (1951)
12. Convention concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour, No 105 (1957)
13. Convention concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation, No 111 (1958)
14. Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment, No 138 (1973)
15. Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, No 182 (1999)

CONVENTIONS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

16. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (1973)
 17. Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (1987)
 18. Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal (1989)
 19. Convention on Biological Diversity (1992)
 20. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (1992)
 21. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2000)
 22. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2001)
 23. Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (1998)
 24. United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961)
 25. United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Drugs (1971)
 26. United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988)
 27. United Nations Convention against Corruption (2004)
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