REPORT

on the proposal for a Council decision amending Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ('Overseas Association Decision')

Committee on Development

Rapporteur: Tomas Tobé

(Simplified procedure – Rule 52(1) of the Rules of Procedure)
**Symbols for procedures**

* Consultation procedure  
*** Consent procedure  
***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)  
***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)  
***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)  

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

**Amendments to a draft act**

**Amendments by Parliament set out in two columns**

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The first and second lines of the header of each amendment identify the relevant part of the draft act under consideration. If an amendment pertains to an existing act that the draft act is seeking to amend, the amendment heading includes a third line identifying the existing act and a fourth line identifying the provision in that act that Parliament wishes to amend.

**Amendments by Parliament in the form of a consolidated text**

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION


(Special legislative procedure – consultation)

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2019)0359),

– having regard to Article 203 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C9-0118/2019),

– having regard to Rule 82 of its Rules of Procedure,

– having regard to the report of the Committee on Development (A9-0033/2019),

1. Approves the Commission proposal;

2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;

3. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to substantially amend the text approved by Parliament;

4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Overseas Association Decision (OAD) establishes the legal framework for the relations between Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs), the Member States to which they are linked, and the European Union.

The objective of the proposal is to amend Annex VI of the OAD. This Annex defines the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation between the EU and the OCTs. It contains provisions aiming to implement a system of origin certification as of 1 January 2017, the Registered Exporters (REX) system, but for which OCTs benefit from a waiver until 31 December 2019.


On 24 November 2015, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447, where all the general rules for implementing the Union Customs Code, among which the provisions dealing with the REX system of the GSP, have been transferred.

As a result, the provisions in Annex VI to the OAD on the ‘procedures for the registered exporter system’ differ from those in the GSP rules of origin.

Annex VI of the OAD should therefore be amended in order to ensure compatibility with the provisions on the REX system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 and to ensure its deployment and implementation by the OCTs as from 1 January 2020.

Considering that this measure is justifiable, the Chair proposes that this proposal be adopted without amendment, in accordance with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure.
### PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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