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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process and suspending its application with regard to Bosnia and Hercegovina

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 9

Costas Mavrides, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Vladimír Maňka, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Gabriel Mato

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Since the launch of the Stabilisation and Association Process, Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been concluded with all concerned Western Balkan *countries*, with the exception of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. In June 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to start negotiations for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Kosovo.

Amendment

(5) Since the launch of the Stabilisation and Association Process, Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been concluded with all concerned Western Balkan *partners*, with the exception of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. In June 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to start negotiations for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Kosovo.

Or. en

Amendment 10

Klaus Buchner

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) However, Bosnia and Herzegovina has not yet accepted to adapt trade concessions granted under the Interim Agreement in order to take into account the preferential traditional trade between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina under the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA). In case, by the time of the adoption of this Regulation, an agreement on the adaptation of the trade concessions set out in the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and in the Interim Agreement has not been signed and provisionally applied by European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina, the

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preferences granted to Bosnia and Herzegovina should be suspended as from 1 January 2016. Once Bosnia-Herzegovina and the European Union will have signed and provisionally applied an agreement on the adaptation of trade concessions in the Interim Agreement, those preferences should be re-established,

Or. en

Amendment 11

Davor Ivo Stier, Andrej Plenković, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić, Marijana Petir

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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January 2016,

Or. en

Amendment 12

Davor Ivo Stier, Andrej Plenković, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić, Marijana Petir

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) The European Union remains committed to support Bosnia and Herzegovina's European perspective and expects from the political leadership of the country to pursue reforms aimed at promoting functional institutions as well as ensuring equal rights to the three constituent peoples and all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Or. en

Amendment 13

Klaus Buchner

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2

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The application of Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina is suspended with effect from 1 January 2016.

Or. en

Justification

In the aftermath of the nation-wide violent protests in early 2014 and the unsuccessful EU strategy to link the entry into force of the SAA to constitutional reforms (implementation of the Sejdic-Finci ruling), the EU Foreign Ministers decided in December 2014 to adopt a new strategy towards the country. The Compact for Growth and Jobs intends to shift the focus towards economic aiming at overcoming the fragility of the socio-economic situation. In this context, and in order to be coherent with the overall foreign policy strategy of the Union, the proposal to end ATP needs to be rejected.

Amendment 14

Klaus Buchner

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Notwithstanding Article 2, the application of Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina shall not be suspended if, before 1 January 2016, the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina sign and apply provisionally an agreement on the adaptation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and the Interim Agreement to take into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

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Or. en

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Amendment 15

Klaus Buchner

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. In the event that the agreement referred to in paragraph 1 is not signed and applied provisionally before 1 January 2016, Regulation (EC) No 2115/2009 shall be applicable again with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina from the date on which such agreement is signed and applied provisionally. *deleted*

Or. en