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Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed <a href="#">2015/0080(COD)</a>
EU/Euratom/Georgia Association Agreement: implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism  See also <a href="#">2014/0086(NLE)</a>  Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy  Geographical area Georgia	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	 International Trade	 <a href="#">LANDSBERGIS Gabrielius</a> Shadow rapporteur  <a href="#">MOISĂ Sorin</a>  <a href="#">ZAHRADIL Jan</a>  <a href="#">TAKKULA Hannu</a>  <a href="#">JADOT Yannick</a>		06/05/2015
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
	 Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
	 Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union	 Agriculture and Rural Development	 <a href="#">NEKOV Momchil</a>	19/05/2015	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	<a href="#">Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)</a>	<a href="#">3451</a>	29/02/2016	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner		

## Key events

14/04/2015	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2015)0155</a>	Summary
27/04/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
10/12/2015	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
14/12/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A8-0365/2015</a>	Summary
03/02/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
03/02/2016	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T8-0036/2016</a>	Summary
29/02/2016	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
29/02/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/03/2016	Final act signed		
23/03/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

## Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/0080(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	See also <a href="#">2014/0086(NLE)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/8/03253

## Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2015)0155</a>	14/04/2015	EC	Summary
Committee opinion	<b>AGRI</b>	<a href="#">PE560.766</a>	14/10/2015	EP	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE571.429</a>	28/10/2015	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE572.844</a>	24/11/2015	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A8-0365/2015</a>	14/12/2015	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0036/2016</a>	03/02/2016	EP	Summary
Draft final act		<a href="#">00074/2015/LEX</a>	09/03/2016	CSL	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		<a href="#">SP(2016)221</a>	31/03/2016	EC	

## EU/Euratom/Georgia Association Agreement: implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism

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**PURPOSE:** to incorporate the anti-circumvention mechanism foreseen in the EU-Georgia Association Agreement into European Union law.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** the EU-Georgia Association Agreement was signed on 27 June 2014 and has been provisionally applied from 1 September 2014. The Agreement includes a so-called anti-circumvention mechanism, which provides for the possibility to reintroduce the most favoured nation customs duty rate when imports of certain agricultural goods from Georgia exceed a given threshold without due justification of their exact origin.

The Commission considered it necessary to lay down the procedures to guarantee the effective application of the anti-circumvention mechanism for the temporary suspension of tariff preferences contained in the Agreement.

**CONTENT:** this proposed Regulation constitutes the legal instrument for the implementation of the anti-circumvention mechanism of the Agreement already concluded with Georgia. It provides for the possibility to suspend the preferential customs duties for a maximum period of six months when the imports of certain agricultural products and processed agricultural products reach the defined annual import volumes.

In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. In order to prevent a negative impact on the Union market as a result of an increase in imports, the Commission should adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases relating to the temporary suspension of the preferential tariffs under the anti-circumvention mechanism provided in the Agreement, imperative grounds of urgency so require.

For reasons of transparency, the Commission should submit an annual report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the Agreement and the application of the anti-circumvention mechanism.

## EU/Euratom/Georgia Association Agreement: implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism

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The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Gabrielius LANDSBERGIS (EPP, LT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism providing for the temporary suspension of tariff preferences of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament's position, adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, should amend the Commission proposal so as to state that the report which is presented annually, shall, inter alia, include information about the application of the anti-circumvention mechanism.

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The European Parliament adopted by 623 votes to 9, with 60 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism providing for the temporary suspension of tariff preferences of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part.

Parliament's position, adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, amended the Commission proposal so as to state that the report which is presented annually on the application and implementation of this Regulation shall, inter alia, include information about the application of the anti-circumvention mechanism.

## EU/Euratom/Georgia Association Agreement: implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism

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**PURPOSE:** to implement the anti-circumvention mechanism provided for in the Association Agreement between the EU and Georgia.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Regulation (EU) 2016/401 of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism provided for in the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part.

**CONTENT:** the EU-Georgia Association Agreement was signed on 27 June 2014 and has been provisionally applied from 1 September 2014. The Agreement includes an anti-circumvention mechanism, which provides for the possibility of reintroducing the most favoured nation customs duty rate when imports of certain agricultural goods from Georgia exceed a given threshold without due justification of their exact

origin.

Objective: the Regulation lays down provisions for the implementation of the anti-circumvention mechanism provided for in the Agreement. It applies to products originating in Georgia.

Anti-circumvention mechanism: the Regulation provides for the possibility of suspending the preferential customs duties for a maximum period of six months when the imports of certain agricultural products and processed agricultural products reach the defined annual import volumes.

Implementation: implementing powers are conferred on the Commission in order to ensure uniform conditions for the application of the anti-circumvention mechanism. In order to prevent a negative impact on the Union market as a result of an increase in imports, the Commission should adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases, imperative grounds of urgency so require.

Annual report: for reasons of transparency, the Commission will submit an annual report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the Agreement and the application of the anti-circumvention mechanism.

The European Parliament may, within 1 month of submission of the Commissions report, invite the Commission to an ad hoc meeting of its responsible committee to present and explain any issues related to the implementation of the Regulation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 24.3.2016.