Procedure file

Basic information

DEA - Delegated acts procedure

2015/2995(DEA)

Procedure completed - delegated act enters into force

Scheme of generalised tariff preferences: GSP+ Kyrgyzstan

Supplementing 2011/0117(COD)

Subject

6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin

6.30.01 Generalised scheme of tariff preferences (GSP), rules of origin

Geographical area

Kyrgyzstan

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible

INTA International Trade

Rapporteur

Appointed

Key events			
25/11/2015	Non-legislative basic document published	<u>C(2015)08213</u>	
25/11/2015	Initial period for examining delegated act 2 month(s)		
02/12/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/01/2016	Delegated act not objected by Council		
20/01/2016	Results of vote in Parliament	<u> </u>	
20/01/2016	Decision by Parliament		Summary
02/02/2016	Delegated act not objected by Parliament		

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Procedure type	DEA - Delegated acts procedure
Procedure subtype	Examination of delegated act
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 111-p03
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed - delegated act enters into force
Committee dossier	INTA/8/05154

Documentation gateway						
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2015)0258	25/11/2015	EC			
Non-legislative basic document	C(2015)08213	25/11/2015	EC			
Motion for a resolution objecting delegated act	B8-0044/2016	13/01/2016	EP			

Scheme of generalised tariff preferences: GSP+ Kyrgyzstan

The European Parliament rejected, by 125 votes to 530, with 53 abstentions, a motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 105(4) of the Rules of Procedure by Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Miguel Urbán Crespo, Tania González Peñas, Xabier Benito Ziluaga, Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Estefanía Torres Martínez on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, seeking to object to the Commission delegated regulation of 25 November 2015 amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences.

To recall, Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts in order to establish or to amend Annex III thereof in order to grant a requesting country the special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance by adding that country to the list of GSP+ beneficiary countries. The special GSP+ incentive initiative provides that no duties are levied on imports of more than 6 000 tariff lines from beneficiary countries.

Members behind the motion for a resolution stated that in the report to the 2015 International Labour Conference, the International Labour Organisation Committee on the Application of Standards (CAS) listed the Kyrgyz Republic among the countries still concerned by a failure to submit the instruments adopted by the Conference to the competent authorities.

In addition, Members found shortcoming in the:

- report of 20 December 2013, the Committee against Torture (CAT) concerning the ongoing and widespread practice of torture and ill-treatment of persons deprived of their liberty;
- report of 19 April 2013, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD);
- report of 7 July 2014 regarding the Convention on the Rights of the Child of its Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding cases
 of torture and ill-treatment of children by the representatives of law enforcement in detention facilities and closed institutions and a
 growing number of cases of sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

Member stated that the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic ignored the <u>European Parliaments resolution of 15 January 2015</u> on the countrys homosexual propaganda bill, and moved the bill forward to pass its second reading.

Considering that abovementioned shortcomings constitute a serious failure to implement effectively the relevant conventions listed in Annex VIII to the GSP Regulation, Members called on the European Parliament to object to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No C(2015)08213 of 25 November 2015 amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences.