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amending Regulation (EU) 2015/755 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the removal of Kazakhstan from the list of countries in Annex I thereto

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

On 30 November 2015 Kazakhstan joined the World Trade Organization. Therefore it is necessary to remove the Republic of Kazakhstan from the scope of Regulation (EU) 2015/755. Article 20 of that Regulation empowers the Commission to adopt a delegated act in order to remove countries from Annex I of the Regulation.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The measure proposed in this Regulation is in accordance with the opinion of the Member States' experts.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Kazakhstan shall be removed from Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2015/755, and will be by default covered by Regulation (EU) 2015/478, the EU's basic safeguard Regulation for WTO Member countries.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/755 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on common rules for imports from certain third countries¹, and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In view of the accession of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organisation, provisions should be made that Kazakhstan is removed from the scope of Regulation (EU) 2015/755.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2015/755 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2015/755, the name "Kazakhstan" is deleted.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 24.2.2017

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

¹ OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 33.