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RECOMMENDATION FOR SECOND READING

on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries as regards the conferral of delegated and implementing powers on the Commission for the adoption of certain measures (08536/1/2016 – C8-0226/2016 – 2013/0279(COD))

Committee on International Trade

Rapporteur: Bernd Lange

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

Deletions are indicated in ***bold italics*** in the left-hand column. Replacements are indicated in ***bold italics*** in both columns. New text is indicated in ***bold italics*** in the right-hand column.

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

New text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated using either the ■ symbol or strikeout. Replacements are indicated by highlighting the new text in ***bold italics*** and by deleting or striking out the text that has been replaced.

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

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(Ordinary legislative procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council position at first reading (08536/1/2016 – C8-0226/2016),
 - having regard to its position at first reading¹ on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2013)0579),
 - having regard to Article 294(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 76 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on International Trade (A8-0240/2016),
1. Approves the Council position at first reading;
 2. Notes that the act is adopted in accordance with the Council position;
 3. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, in accordance with Article 297(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
 4. Instructs its Secretary-General to sign the act, once it has been verified that all the procedures have been duly completed, and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

¹ Texts adopted of 12.3.2014, P7_TA(2014)0226.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In the light of the changes brought about by the Lisbon Treaty and by the subsequent adoption of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 (on implementing acts), the Commission was required to adapt the decision making rules in trade policy to the new regime of delegated and implementing acts. Most of the legislation in the field of the Common Commercial Policy has been aligned to the new constitutional regime by means of the Trade Omnibus I and II and several subsequent individual alignments. The Commission committed itself to come up with the second wave of comitology alignments - concerning legislative acts containing the regulatory procedure with scrutiny - by the end of the 7th legislature. In this context, the Commission proposed the amendment to Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 on Community statistics which is the only legislative act in the field of the Common Commercial Policy referring to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny.

Following the adoption of Parliament's first reading position by the plenary on 12 March 2014, informal negotiations started under the Italian Presidency with a view to reaching an early second reading agreement. After several rounds of trilogues the negotiations were suspended while awaiting the adoption of the new Inter-institutional Agreement on Better Law-making which provides, *inter alia*, for a horizontal solution regarding the consultation of Member States' experts in preparation of delegated acts.

The adoption of the new Inter-institutional agreement on Better law-making in December 2015 thus enabled the Parliament's and Council's negotiating teams to reach an agreement on the Regulation in question.

The agreed text was presented to the INTA Committee for a vote of approval on 21 April 2016, and was approved by an overwhelming majority. On the basis of the committee's approval, the Chairman of the Committee undertook in his letter of the same day to the chair of COREPER to recommend to the plenary to approve Council's position at first reading without amendment. Following legal-linguistic verification, Council adopted its first reading position confirming the agreement on 16 June 2016.

In the light of the above the Rapporteur proposes to approve without amendment the Council's first reading position.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures
References	08536/1/2016 – C8-0226/2016 – 2013/0279(COD)
Date of Parliament's first reading – P number	12.3.2014 T7-0226/2014
Commission proposal	COM(2013)0579 - C7-0243/2013
Receipt of Council position at first reading announced in plenary	22.6.2016
Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	INTA 22.6.2016
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Bernd Lange 15.6.2016
Discussed in committee	30.6.2016
Date adopted	14.7.2016
Result of final vote	+: 30 -: 0 0: 3
Members present for the final vote	William (The Earl of) Dartmouth, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Yannick Jadot, Ska Keller, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, Bernd Lange, Emmanuel Maurel, Anne-Marie Mineur, Sorin Moisă, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Marietje Schaake, Helmut Scholz, Joachim Schuster, Joachim Starbatty, Iuliu Winkler, Jan Zahradil
Substitutes present for the final vote	Reimer Böge, Victor Boştinaru, Klaus Buchner, Seán Kelly, Gabriel Mato, Bolesław G. Piecha, Pedro Silva Pereira, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Wim van de Camp, Jarosław Wałęsa, Pablo Zalba Bidegain
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Mara Bizzotto, Jozo Radoš, Dariusz Rosati, Paul Rübig, Mylène Troszczynski
Date tabled	19.7.2016