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REPORT

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on temporary trade liberalisation supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part
(COM(2023)0106 – C9-0027/2023 – 2023/0051(COD))

Committee on International Trade

Rapporteur: Sandra Kalniete

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.

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Amendments by Parliament in the form of a consolidated text

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

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(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2023)0106),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C9-0027/2023),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on International Trade (A9-0165/2023),
1. Adopts its position at first reading, taking over the Commission proposal;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Commission adopted a proposal for the Regulation on temporary trade liberalisation supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products under the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine.

The Commission is proposing a Regulation renewing the trade-liberalisation measures, which should apply for a period of one year as of the date the current measures expire. The ongoing measures are expiring on 6th June 2023. The proposal includes temporary suspension of all outstanding customs duties under Title IV of the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine establishing a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA): fruits and vegetables and agricultural products and processed agricultural products which are subject to tariff-rate quotas.

This proposal is similar to the one which is currently ongoing, but it removes the provisions for industrial products since they in any case are subject to zero duties since 1 January 2023. The proposal introduces expedited safeguard procedures which will apply on the basis of regular monitoring allowing for potential reintroduction of customs duties.

Your Standing Rapporteur supports the Commission's proposal and stresses the need of our Institution to continue to support Ukraine economically and also politically. In the contest of Ukraine's EU candidate status, since June 2022 our obligation is to support strong link to this country and its necessity to maintain production and trade capacities.

Therefore, in full solidarity with Ukraine the Parliament should support and vote on the prolongation of the measures which facilitate the trade and help in the trade policy. Together with Solidarity Lanes, those measures are important for Ukrainian continuity of trade stability in times of war caused by Russia.

These temporary and exceptional measures will contribute to support the existing trade flows from Ukraine to the EU. Given that the Association Agreement aims at establishment of the conditions for enhanced economic and trade relations, we should support the actions which facilitate it. Consequently, this will lead Ukraine in the direction of the gradual integration in the EU internal market. In those difficult and challenging times of war aggression by Russia on Ukraine, we in the EU need to support those actions of solidarity with Ukraine.

The trade-liberalising measures would be conditional - respect for the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and independence, including those providing that the respect for democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms and respect for the principle of the rule of law.

In light of the above considerations, your Rapporteur takes the view that the European Parliament should agree with the Commission's proposal to extend for one more year the trade-liberalisation measures.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Temporary trade liberalisation supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part
References	COM(2023)0106 – C9-0027/2023 – 2023/0051(COD)
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Rapporteurs Date appointed	Sandra Kalniete 14.3.2023
Discussed in committee	21.3.2023
Date adopted	27.4.2023
Result of final vote	+: 28 –: 1 0: 6
Members present for the final vote	Barry Andrews, Tiziana Beghin, Saskia Bricmont, Jordi Cañas, Raphaël Glucksmann, Markéta Gregorová, Christophe Hansen, Heidi Hautala, Karin Karlsbro, Bernd Lange, Margarida Marques, Emmanuel Maurel, Alessandra Mussolini, Carles Puigdemont i Casamajó, Samira Rafaela, Catharina Rinzeema, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Katarína Roth Neved'álová, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Helmut Scholz, Dominik Tarczyński, Kathleen Van Brempt, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne
Substitutes present for the final vote	Anna Cavazzini, Liudas Mažylis, Javier Moreno Sánchez
Substitutes under Rule 209(7) present for the final vote	Pablo Arias Echeverría, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Jessica Polfjård, Evelyn Regner, Bogdan Rzońca, Christine Schneider, Isabella Tovaglieri, Loránt Vincze
Date tabled	28.4.2023

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ID	Isabella Tovaglieri
NI	Tiziana Beghin, Carles Puigdemont i Casamajó
PPE	Pablo Arias Echeverría, Christophe Hansen, Liudas Mažylis, Alessandra Mussolini, Jessica Polfjärd, Christine Schneider
Renew	Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Karin Karlsbro, Samira Rafaela, Catharina Rinzema, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne
S&D	Raphaël Glucksmann, Bernd Lange, Margarida Marques, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Evelyn Regner, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Kathleen Van Brempt
The Left	Helmut Scholz
Verts/ALE	Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini, Markéta Gregorová, Heidi Hautala

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PPE	Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

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ECR	Elżbieta Rafalska, Bogdan Rzońca, Dominik Tarczyński
NI	Ernő Schaller-Baross
PPE	Loránt Vincze
S&D	Katarína Roth Neveďalová
The Left	Emmanuel Maurel

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention