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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on International Trade

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on temporary trade-liberalisation measures 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(2024)0050 – C9-0021/2024 – 2024/0028(COD))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to take the following into account:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4 a) The trade liberalisation measures, being an important signal of further integration of Ukraine into the EU market, also provide additional stability to Ukrainian economy that relies heavily on exports. Any safeguard measures that limit the trade liberalisation should not become a barrier to the future economic and market integration, but serve as a way to create balanced trade.

Or. en

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Subject to an assessment by the Commission carried out in the context of the regular monitoring of the impact of this Regulation and launched either following a duly substantiated request from a Member State or on the Commission's own initiative, it is necessary to provide for the possibility to take any necessary measures for imports of any products falling under the scope of this Regulation which are adversely affecting the Union market or the market of one or several Member States for like or directly competing products. There is a particularly precarious situation in the markets for poultry, eggs, **and** sugar that may harm Union agricultural producers if imports from Ukraine were to increase. It

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Or. en

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

If, during the period 6 June to 31 December 2024, cumulative import volumes of either eggs, poultry **or** sugar since 1 January 2024 reach the respective arithmetic mean of import volumes recorded in 2022 and 2023, the Commission shall, within 21 days and after informing the Committee on Safeguards established by Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/478:

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

If, during the period 1 January to 5 June 2025, cumulative import volumes of either eggs, poultry **or** sugar for the period since 1 January 2025 reach five twelfths of the respective arithmetic mean of import volumes recorded 2022 and 2023, the Commission shall, within 21 days and after informing the Committee on Safeguards, reintroduce for that product the corresponding tariff-rate quota suspended by Article 1(1), point b.

Amendment

If, during the period 1 January to 5 June 2025, cumulative import volumes of either eggs, poultry, sugar **or honey** for the period since 1 January 2025 reach five twelfths of the respective arithmetic mean of import volumes recorded 2022 and 2023, the Commission shall, within 21 days and after informing the Committee on Safeguards, reintroduce for that product the corresponding tariff-rate quota suspended by Article 1(1), point b.

Or. en

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

For the purposes of this paragraph, the terms eggs, poultry **and** sugar refer to all products covered by the tariff-rate quotas in the Appendix to Annex I-A of the Association Agreement for, respectively, eggs and albumins, poultry meat and poultry meat preparations, and sugars, and the arithmetic mean shall be calculated by dividing the sum of import volumes in 2022 and 2023 by two.

Amendment

For the purposes of this paragraph, the terms eggs, poultry, sugar **and honey** refer to all products covered by the tariff-rate quotas in the Appendix to Annex I-A of the Association Agreement for, respectively, eggs and albumins, poultry meat and poultry meat preparations, **honey** and sugars, and the arithmetic mean shall be calculated by dividing the sum of import volumes in 2022 and 2023 by two.

Or. en

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8 a. If a product covered by Article 1(1) originating in Ukraine is imported in the EU or transit by the EU, the destination for all consignments of that that product should be determined prior to entry into the EU. Furthermore, Ukrainian authorities should provide to the European Commission the necessary documentation certifying that those consignments reached their destination.

Or. en