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Subject: Adoption of a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products
- Statement by Spain



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STATEMENT BY SPAIN

Regarding the proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products (ST 14596/16 + ADD 1), Spain votes against the mentioned proposal on the following grounds:

Communication from the Commission concerning autonomous tariff suspensions and quotas (2011/C 363/02) does not support the approval of a tariff quota in the context of a surplus production. Notwithstanding, the proposal includes a tariff quota with order number 09.2716 for staple fibers of viscose rayon (ex 5504100020) in relation to which there is sufficient production in the EU.

Spain believes that granting such a tariff quota introduces legal uncertainty, sets a bad precedent for future requests and jeopardizes recent Spanish investments.
