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Delegations will find attached the opinion of the Consultative Working Party of Legal Services regarding the above mentioned subject.



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OPINION

FOR THE ATTENTION OF

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
THE COUNCIL
THE COMMISSION

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for imports

COM(2014) 321 final of 28.5.2014 - 2014/0166 (COD)

Having regard to the Inter-institutional Agreement of 20 December 1994 on an accelerated working method for official codification of legislative texts, and in particular to point 4 thereof, the Consultative Working Party consisting of the respective legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission met on 10 July 2014 for the purpose of examining, among others, the aforementioned proposal submitted by the Commission.

At that meeting¹, an examination of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council codifying Council Regulation (EC) No 260/2009 of 26 February 2009 on the common rules for imports resulted in the Consultative Working Party's establishing, by common accord, that in Article 7(4) of the draft codified text a reference to "*Article 235 et seq. of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92*", such as that currently appearing in Article 8(4) of Regulation (EC) No 260/2009, should be re-introduced in the place of the reference made to "*Article 79 et seq. of Regulation (EC) No 450/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council*" in the codification proposal.

In consequence, examination of the proposal has enabled the Consultative Working Party to conclude, without dissent, that the proposal is a straightforward codification of existing texts, without any change in their substance.


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¹ The Consultative Working Party worked on the basis of the English language version of the proposal, being the master-copy language version of the text under discussion.