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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the import into the Union of agricultural products originating in Turkey (codification) – Outcome of the European Parliament's first reading (Strasbourg, 9 to 12 March 2015)

I. INTRODUCTION

The rapporteur, Mr Andrzej DUDA (ECR - PL), presented a report, on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs, which proposed to take over the Commission proposal without amendment.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 294 of the TFEU and the joint declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure ¹, informal contacts have taken place between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with a view to reaching an agreement on this dossier at first reading, thereby avoiding the need for second reading and conciliation.

¹ OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5

II. VOTE

Pursuant to Rule 103 of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure, the report was adopted by means of a single vote, without amendment or debate.

The text adopted and the legislative resolution constitute the European Parliament's first reading position¹, it reflects what had been agreed during the informal contacts referred to above.

The Council should therefore be in a position to approve the Parliament's position.

The act would then be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the Parliament's position.

¹ The text adopted and the European Parliament's legislative resolution are set out in the Annex.

Import into the Union of agricultural products originating in Turkey *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 11 March 2015 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the import into the Union of agricultural products originating in Turkey (codified text) (COM(2014)0586 – C8-0166/2014 – 2014/0272(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure – codification)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2014)0586),
- 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 (C8-0166/2014),
- having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 10 December 2014¹,
- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 December 1994 – Accelerated working method for official codification of legislative texts²,
- having regard to Rules 103 and 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs (A8-0048/2014),

¹ Not yet published in the Official Journal.

² OJ C 102, 4.4.1996, p. 2.

- A. whereas, according to the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, the proposal in question contains a straightforward codification of the existing texts without any change in their substance;
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 11 March 2015 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2015/... of the European Parliament and of the Council on the import into the Union of agricultural products originating in Turkey (codification)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union , and in particular Article 207(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee¹,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure²,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 779/98³ has been substantially amended⁴. In the interests of clarity and rationality, that Regulation should be codified.
- (2) Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council⁵ establishes the system of preferences applicable to imports into the Union of agricultural products originating in Turkey.

¹ Opinion of 10 December 2014 (not yet published in the Official Journal)..

² Position of the European Parliament of 11 March 2015.

³ Council Regulation (EC) No 779/98 of 7 April 1998 on the import into the Community of agricultural products originating in Turkey, repealing Regulation (EEC) No 4115/86 and amending Regulation (EC) No 3010/95 (OJ L 113, 15.4.1998, p. 1).

⁴ See Annex I.

⁵ Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council of 25 February 1998 on the trade regime for agricultural products (OJ L 86, 20.3.1998, p. 1).

- (3) In the case of products for which Union regulations require a certain import price to be observed, the application of the preferential tariff system is subject to the observance of that price.
- (4) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt rules necessary for the application of the import regime for the products listed in Annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union which originate in Turkey and which are imported into the Union under the conditions laid down in Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 3(2) of this Regulation.

Article 2

1. In the case of products for which Union regulations require a certain import price to be observed, the application of the preferential tariff system shall be subject to the observance of that price.
2. In the case of fishery products for which a reference price is set, the application of the preferential tariff shall be subject to the observance of that price.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets established by Article 229 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹. That Committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.
3. Where the opinion of the Committee is to be obtained by written procedure, that procedure shall be terminated without result when, within the time-limit for delivery of the opinion, the chair of the Committee so decides or at least a quarter of committee members so request.

Article 4

Regulation (EC) No 779/98 is repealed.

References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex II.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* .

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at ...,

For the European Parliament

For the Council

The President

The President

ANNEX I

Repealed Regulation with the amendment thereto

Council Regulation (EC) No 779/98

(OJ L 113, 15.4.1998, p. 1)

Regulation (EU) No 255/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Article 2 only

(OJ L 84, 20.3.2014, p. 57)

ANNEX II

CORRELATION TABLE

Regulation (EC) No 779/98	This Regulation
Article 1	Article 1
Article 2, first paragraph	Article 2(1)
Article 2, second paragraph	Article 2(2)
Article 2a	Article 3
Article 3	—
Article 4	—
—	Article 4
Article 5	Article 5
—	Annex I
—	Annex II