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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries - Outcome of the European Parliament's first reading (Strasbourg, from 27 April to 30 April 2015)

I. INTRODUCTION

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.

In this context, the rapporteur, Mr Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE), presented a report on behalf of the Committee on International Trade, proposing to take over the proposal of the Commission. That proposal corresponds to the agreement found in the informal contacts referred to above. No amendments were tabled for the plenary.

¹ OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p.5

II. VOTE

When it voted on 29 April 2015, the plenary adopted the Parliament's first reading position, taking over the Commission's proposal.

The Parliament's position, as contained in the Annex hereto, reflects what had been previously agreed between the institutions. 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.

Repeal of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 29 April 2015 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries (COM(2014)0707 – C8-0271/2014 – 2014/0334(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2014)0707),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0271/2014),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 11 March 2015 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rules 59 and of 50(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on International Trade (A8-0026/2015),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
 3. 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 29 April 2015 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2015/... of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries

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,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure²,

² Position of the European Parliament of 29 April 2015.

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93³ entered into force on 9 November 1993 and was applied as from 1 January 1993.
- (2) On 22 August 2012, the Russian Federation acceded to the World Trade Organization. As a consequence, the Republic of Serbia remained the last country with which the European Union had a bilateral agreement on trade in textiles.
- (3) On 29 April 2008, the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part⁴ was signed. It entered into force on 1 September 2013.
- (4) On 1 February 2010, the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part⁵ entered into force. Since then, Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 no longer applied to imports from Serbia.

³ Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 of 12 October 1993 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries (OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1).

⁴ OJ L 278, 18.10.2013, p. 16.

⁵ OJ L28, 30.1.2010, p. 2.

(5) Title I of Council Regulation (EC) No 427/2003⁶ expired on 11 December 2013. Therefore, the possibility to impose safeguard measures through that mechanism has expired.

(6) For reasons of legal certainty, Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 should therefore be repealed,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 is repealed.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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
The President

For the Council
The President

⁶ Council Regulation (EC) No 427/2003 of 3 March 2003 on a transitional product-specific safeguard mechanism for imports originating in the People's Republic of China and amending Regulation (EC) No 519/94 on common rules for imports from certain third countries (OJ L 65, 8.3.2003, p. 1).