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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL suspending certain parts of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 as regards imports of Ukrainian products into the European Union - Outcome of the European Parliament's first reading (Strasbourg, 5 to 8 May 2025)

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

A number of informal contacts have taken place between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with a view to reaching an agreement on this proposal at first reading.

In this context, the Chair of the Committee on International Trade (INTA), Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE), presented on behalf of INTA a compromise amendment (amendments number 1 to 3) to the abovementioned proposal for a Regulation, for which Karin KARLSBRO (RE, SE) had prepared a draft report. This amendment had been agreed during the informal contacts referred to above. No other amendments were tabled.

## II. VOTE

When it voted on 8 May 2025, the plenary adopted the compromise amendment (amendments number 1 to 3) to the abovementioned proposal for a Regulation. The Commission's proposal as thus amended constitutes the Parliament's first-reading position which is contained in its legislative resolution as set out in the Annex hereto<sup>1</sup>.

The Parliament's position 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The version of the Parliament's position in the legislative resolution has been marked up to indicate the changes made by the amendments to the Commission's proposal. Additions to the Commission's text are highlighted in ***bold and italics***. The symbol "■" indicates deleted text.

## **P10\_TA(2025)0103**

### **Suspending certain parts of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 as regards imports of Ukrainian products into the European Union**

**European Parliament legislative resolution of 8 May 2025 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council suspending certain parts of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 as regards imports of Ukrainian products into the European Union (COM(2025)0107 – C10-0042/2025 – 2025/0056(COD))**

**(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2025)0107),
  - 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 (C10-0042/2025),
  - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 75(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 2 April 2025 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 60 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on International Trade (A10-0059/2025),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
  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 8 May 2025 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2025/... of the European Parliament and of the Council suspending certain provisions of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 as regards imports of Ukrainian products into the Union**

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 procedure<sup>1</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> Position of the European Parliament of 8 May 2025.

Whereas:

- (1) 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<sup>2</sup> (the ‘Association Agreement’) constitutes the basis of the relationship between the Union and Ukraine. In accordance with Council Decision 2014/668/EU<sup>3</sup>, Title IV of the Association Agreement, which relates to trade and trade-related matters, applied provisionally from 1 January 2016 and entered into force on 1 September 2017, following ratification by all Member States.
- (2) The Association Agreement strengthens and widens the relations between the Parties to the Association Agreement (the ‘Parties’) in an ambitious and innovative way, with a view to facilitating and achieving gradual economic integration, and in compliance with the rights and obligations arising out of the World Trade Organization membership of the Parties.
- (3) Regulation (EU) 2015/478 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup> lays down common rules for imports of products originating in most third countries, including Ukraine. It also contains provisions on surveillance and safeguard measures.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 161, 29.5.2014, p. 3, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_international/2014/295/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/2014/295/oj).

<sup>3</sup> Council Decision 2014/668/EU of 23 June 2014 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of 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, as regards Title III (with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other Party) and Titles IV, V, VI and VII thereof, as well as the related Annexes and Protocols (OJ L 278, 20.9.2014, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2014/668/oj>).

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) 2015/478 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on common rules for imports (OJ L 83, 27.3.2015, p. 16, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/478/oj>).

- (4) Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine since 24 February 2022 has had a profoundly negative impact on the ability of Ukraine to trade with the rest of the world. This has been the case for the iron and steel sector, for example, because of the occupation or destruction of iron and steel production facilities. It has also been the case for other sectors of the Ukrainian economy.
- (5) Under those circumstances and in order to mitigate the negative economic impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, it is appropriate, for Ukraine's benefit, to exempt imports into the Union of products originating in Ukraine from Union surveillance and safeguard measures. For that purpose, it is necessary to suspend certain provisions of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 with regard to imports from Ukraine.
- (6) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission to suspend the application of this Regulation temporarily in respect of a specific product originating in Ukraine. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>5</sup>. The duration of such suspension should be long enough to allow the Commission to propose, and for the European Parliament and the Council to adopt, a regulation suspending, amending or repealing this Regulation.

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<sup>5</sup> 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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/182/oj>).

- (7) This Regulation should apply for three years ■ .
- (8) In light of the expiry on 5 June 2025 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1392 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>6</sup>, which provides, inter alia, for effects equivalent to the effects of this Regulation, this Regulation should enter into force on 6 June 2025,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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<sup>6</sup> Regulation (EU) 2024/1392 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 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 (OJ L, 2024/1392, 29.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1392/oj>).

## Article 1

### Trade-liberalisation measures

The application of Article 2, Articles 4 to 7, Articles 9 to 17 and Articles 19, 20 and 21 of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 shall be suspended with regard to imports into the Union of products originating in Ukraine.

## Article 2

### Temporary suspension

The Commission may adopt implementing acts to suspend the application of this Regulation in respect of a specific product originating in Ukraine for a period that shall not exceed 12 months, if imports of that product increase to a level that contributes significantly to the serious injury or threat of serious injury to Union producers of like or directly competing products. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 3(2).



Article 3  
Committee procedure

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee on Safeguards established by Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/478. 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.

## Article 4

### Entry into force and application

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 June 2025.

It shall apply *from 6 June 2025 until 5 June 2028*.

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*

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