Exports of wood from Russia: allocation of tariff-rate quotas; Commission implementing powers

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PURPOSE: to confer on the Commission the necessary powers, to adopt by means of implementing acts, the necessary provisions in respect of the administration of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood from the Russia to the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 1217/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the allocation of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood from the Russian federation to the European Union.

CONTENT: in the context of the negotiations on the Russian Federation's accession to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Commission, on behalf of the Union, negotiated an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Russian Federation concerning the administration of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood from Russia to the Union. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Union and the Russian Federation also negotiated a Protocol on technical modalities.

The Regulation stipulates that in order to implement the Agreement, the Commission shall adopt **implementing acts** laying down detailed rules on the method of allocating quota authorisations pursuant to the Protocol and laying down any other provisions necessary for the management, by the Union, of the quantities of the tariff-rate quotas allocated to exports to the Union.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the **examination procedure**, the Commission being assisted by the **Wood Committee** established by Decision 2012/105/EU. The Wood Committee may examine any matter relating to the application of the Agreement and the Protocol, raised by the Commission or at the request of a Member State.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 20/12/2012.