Common commercial policy: aligning certain acts with the TFEU; procedures for the adoption of certain measures

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The Commission can accept the amendments made by the Council to its proposal.

The position of the Council at first reading is consistent with the result of the last trialogue between the European Parliament and the Council which was held on 5 June 2013 and then confirmed by the two institutions at the level of Coreper and the European Parliament's International Trade Committee in July 2013.

The proposal reflects the evolution of the legal framework and the institutional balance established by the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon. It aligns the regulations it contains on the provisions of Articles 290 (delegated acts) and 291 (implementing acts) of the TFEU and Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and Council laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States for the exercise of implementing powers by the Commission.

According to the Commission, aligning the procedures on common procedures should aid understanding of the procedures applicable in trade policy and the transparency provisions of the horizontal regulation should enhance the overall transparency of trade policy.