

EC/Serbia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: procedures for applying the Agreement and the Interim Agreement

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In its opinion on the position of the Council on the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning certain procedures for applying 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 part, **the Commission stated that accepts the amendments introduced by the Council to its proposal.**

To recall, in July 2013, a compromise was found on the new comitology rules in the Trade Omnibus I package. The text of the proposal was amended in order to incorporate the revised comitology rules agreed under the Trade Omnibus I package on similar regulations. Furthermore, the proposal was also amended in order to take into account the fact that the Interim Agreement ceased to exist when the Stabilisation and Association Agreement entered into force on 1 September 2013.

Lastly, a provision on retroactive application of Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Regulation was agreed in order to apply these provisions from 1 February 2010.

At an informal trilogue on 26 November 2013, a provisional agreement on this revised proposal was reached.