Statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries: Commission delegated and implementing powers

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The European Parliament adopted by 654 votes to 19 with 9 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures.

Parliament's position in first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure amended the Commission proposal as follows :

Use of delegated acts: the European Commission proposes the use of delegated acts in almost all cases where the regulatory procedure with scrutiny was originally used. The implementing acts are proposed in two cases, for the adoption of:

- €€€€€€€ measures relating to the codes to be used for statistical data; and
- €€€€€€€ measures relating to linking the data on imports and exports with the data on business.

Parliament proposed **that the above implementing acts be changed into delegated acts**. The provisions relating to the Committee assisting the Commission have therefore been deleted.

Parliament also suggested **limiting the conferral of powers on the Commission to five years** with the possibility of extending the delegated powers for periods of the same duration.

Consolidated text: to ensure legal certainty and readability of legislation for the public, an amendment aims at having the consolidated version of the amended Regulation published in the Official Journal within three months from the entry into force of the amending Regulation.