Imports of certain textile products from third countries: repeal

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PURPOSE: to repeal Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries applies to imports of textile products originating in third countries, with which the European Community has concluded bilateral agreements, signed protocols or made other arrangements.

In recent years, the European Union only maintained bilateral agreements on trade in textiles with Russia and Serbia. After Russia's accession to the WTO and the entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Serbia, **Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 lost its main purpose**.

Moreover, Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 was used to impose quantitative limits to certain textiles products originating from the People's Republic of China during a limited period and to eventually use the transitional product-specific safeguard mechanism for China. This mechanism expired on 11 December 2013.

Therefore, it is necessary to repeal this Regulation.

CONTENT: this proposal foresees the repeal Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 in order to promote legal certainty.