Autonomous trade preferences for Moldova

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The European Parliament adopted by 551 votes to 67, with 23 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 introducing autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Moldova.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading without making amendments to the Commission proposal.

The proposal seeks to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 with a view to further liberalising imports of certain products of the fruit and vegetables sector from Moldova into the EU.

In order to support the efforts of Moldova in accordance with the objectives set out in the European Neighbourhood Policy, the Eastern Partnership and the Association Agreement signed between Moldova and the EU on 27 June 2014, the amended proposal introduces three new duty free tariff quotas for fresh apples, fresh table grapes and fresh plums.