Autonomous trade preferences for Moldova

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PURPOSE: to further liberalising imports of certain products of the fruit and vegetables sector from Moldova into the EU.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 1383/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 introducing autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Moldova.

CONTENT: the Regulation amends 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 Moldova's efforts in accordance with the objectives set out in the ENP, the Eastern Partnership and the Association Agreement between Moldova and the EU on 27 June 2014, the amendment introduced three new duty free tariff quotas for its exports of **fresh apples** (40 000 tonnes), **fresh plums and fresh table grapes** (10 000 for each product).

In view of the seasonal production peak of those products, it is appropriate to apply the further concessions from 1 August 2014. The specific scheme of autonomous trade preferences will continue to apply until 31 December 2015.

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APPLICATION: as from 01.08.2014.