Common rules for imports from certain third countries. Recast

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The European Parliament adopted by 643 votes to 32, with 30 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for imports from certain third countries (recast).

Parliament adopted its position at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure, without amending the Commission proposal.

The proposal to recast Council Regulation (EC) No 625/2009 lays down surveillance and safeguard measures applicable to specific imports, such as coal and steel products, with the exception of textile products which is subject to a separate regulation.

This Regulation applies to imports of products originating in a restricted number of third countries (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, North Korea, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).

The main change resulting from the recast concerns updating the annex to remove countries which have now become members of the World Trade Organisation, namely Armenia, Russia, Tajikistan and Vietnam.