Safeguard measures provided for in the EEC /Norway Agreement. Codification

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The European Parliament adopted by 656 votes to 37, with 5 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway (codified text).

Parliament adopted its position at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure taking over the Commission proposal.

According to the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of the European Parliament, the proposal in question contains a straightforward codification of the existing texts without any change in their substance.

The proposal to codify Regulation (EEC) No 1692/73 of the Council concerns the rules necessary for implementing the safeguard clauses and precautionary measures provided for in Articles 22 to 27 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway which was signed in Brussels on 14 May 1973.

The implementation of the bilateral safeguard clauses of the Agreement requires uniform conditions for the adoption of safeguard measures. Those measures should be adopted in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on comitology.

Under this proposed Regulation, the Commission should adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases relating to situations referred to in the Agreement or in the case of export aids that have a direct and immediate effect on trade, imperative grounds of urgency so require.