EC/Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement and EC/Bosnia and Herzegovina Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters: application. Codification

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The European Parliament adopted by 628 votes to 53, with 18 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, and for applying the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part (codified text).

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

The Consultative Working Party of the legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission concluded that the proposal in question contains a straightforward codification of the existing texts without any change in their substance.

The proposed codification of Council Regulation (EC) No 594/2008 lays down certain procedures for the adoption of detailed rules for the implementation of certain provisions of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part (SAA). The Interim Agreement entered into force on 1 July 2008.

The proposal seeks to:

- lay down provisions regulating the management of tariff quotas for fishery products originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina which may be imported into the Union;
- provide that the trade defence measures should be adopted in accordance with the general provisions laid down in Regulation (EU) 2015/478 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Regulation (EU) 2015/479 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 or, as the case may be, Council Regulation (EC) No 597/2009;
- state that where a Member State provides information to the Commission on a possible fraud or failure to provide administrative cooperation, the relevant Union legislation shall apply;
- provide that the for the purposes of implementing the relevant provisions of this Regulation, the Commission should be assisted by the Customs Code Committee;
- stipulates that the implementation of the bilateral safeguard clauses of the SAA requires uniform conditions for the adoption of safeguard and other measures should be adopted in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council (comitology);
- enable the Commission to adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases relating to exceptional and critical circumstances, imperative grounds of urgency so require.