EC/Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement: application. Codification

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PURPOSE: the codification of Council Regulation (EC) No 1616/2006 on certain procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, and for applying the Interim Agreement between the European Community and Albania.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2015/939 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2015 on certain procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part (codified text).

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EC) No 1616/2006 has been substantially amended several times. Consequently, in the interests of clarity and rationality, it was decided to codify the Regulation.

The codified Regulation lays down the procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Albania, of the other part, and for applying the Interim Agreement between the European Community and Albania which was signed in Luxembourg on 12 June 2006 and entered into force 1 April 2009.

The Regulation specifically seeks to:

- lay down the rules governing **fishery products originating in Albania** may be imported into the Union **at a reduced customs duty**, within the limits of tariff quotas;
- require that any trade defence measures should be adopted in accordance with the general provisions of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 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;
- indicate the relevant legislation to apply where a Member State provides information to the Commission on a **possible fraud or failure to provide administrative cooperation**;
- provide that the Commission should be assisted by the **Customs Code Committee**;
- stipulate that any **safeguard measures** should be adopted in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council;
- enable the Commission to adopt **immediately applicable implementing acts** where, in duly justified cases relating to exceptional and critical circumstances arising, imperative grounds of urgency so require.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 15.7.2015. Regulation (EC) No 1616/2006 is repealed.