EC/Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement: application. Codification

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PURPOSE: the codification of Council Regulation (EC) No 153/2002 on certain procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, and for applying the Interim Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2015/941 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 former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part.

CONTENT: Regulation (EC) No 153/2002 has been substantially amended several times. Consequently, in the interests of clarity and rationality, it was decided to codify it.

The Regulation seeks to:

- given that the SAA stipulates that certain products originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia may be imported into the Union at a **reduced customs duty**, within the limits of tariff quotas, the Regulation lays down provisions for the calculation of the reduced rates of customs duties;
- allows the Commission, assisted by the Committee established by Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, to adopt the Regulations **opening up and providing for the administration of the tariff quotas for 'baby beef' products**;
- allows the Commission, assisted by a Committee, to adopt the Regulations opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas which might be granted as a result of negotiations on **further tariff concessions** pursuant to Article 29 of the SAA;
- provide for the **total suspension of duties** where preferential treatment results in *ad valorem* duties of 1 % or less, or in specific duties of EUR 1 or less;

- 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 153/2002 is repealed.