EU/Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Agreement: certain procedures for applying the agreement

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PURPOSE: to lay down certain procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo of the other part.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: a Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo of the other part, was signed on 27 October 2015 and entered into force on 1 April 2016. It is necessary to lay down rules for the implementation of certain provisions of the Agreement, as well as the procedures for the adoption of detailed rules of implementation.

CONTENT: the proposal lays down the **rules and procedures for the adoption of detailed rules for the implementation** of certain provisions of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo, of the other part.

In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of the Agreement, **implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission**. Given that the implementing acts form part of the common commercial policy, the examination procedure should be used for their adoption.

The Commission should **adopt such implementing acts immediately**:

- where the Agreement provides for the possibility, in exceptional and critical circumstances, to apply urgent measures necessary to deal with the situation;
- for measures concerning agricultural and fishery products, in cases of duly justified imperative grounds of urgency.

Under the Agreement, certain agricultural and fishery products originating in Kosovo may be imported into the Union at a reduced customs duty, within the limits of tariff quotas. The proposal lays down provisions regulating the management and review of these tariff quotas in order to allow for their thorough assessment.