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

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The European Parliament adopted by 519 to 83, with 69 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 Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo of the other part.

The proposed Regulation lays down the rules and procedures for the adoption of detailed rules for the implementation of certain provisions of the Agreement, signed on 27 October 2015 and which entered into force on 1 April 2016.

The Agreement stipulated that 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 proposed Regulation lays down provisions regulating the management and review of these tariff quotas in order to allow for their thorough assessment.

The European Parliament's position adopted at first reading, following the ordinary legislative procedure, amended the Commission proposal so as to specify that, in accordance with the proposed Regulation, the **examination procedure** shall apply, in particular, for the adoption of implementing acts relating to the common commercial policy. However, the **advisory procedure** shall apply in duly justified cases.

Where the Agreement provides for the possibility, in exceptional and critical circumstances, to apply forthwith measures necessary to deal with the situation, the Commission should adopt such implementing acts **immediately**.