Statistics on the trading of goods between Member States, Intrastat: common framework

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The Commission presents a report on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission under Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States. The Commission is required to draw up a report on the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period of the empowerment, which began on 17 July 2014. This power may be tacitly extended for periods of five years unless the European Parliament or the Council objects.

To recall, the Regulation confers on the Commission the power to adopt delegated acts:

- relating to rules applying to specific goods or movements;
- to adapt the Intrastat coverage rates to technical and economic developments whenever it is possible to reduce them, while maintaining statistics which meet the quality indicators and standards in force;
- to specify the conditions for defining other thresholds below which parties may benefit from certain simplifications;
- to specify the conditions, which meet quality requirements, under which the Member States may simplify the information to be provided for small individual transactions, provided that such simplification has no detrimental effects on the quality of the statistics;
- to define the aggregated data of the monthly results of statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States.

The Commission has not yet exercised the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on it by Regulation (EC) No 638/2004, since there has been no need to do so under any of the Articles empowering the Commission to adopt delegated acts.

The Commission is, however, of the view that it **should continue to have the delegated powers** conferred by the Regulation, since in the future it might be necessary to exercise these delegated powers.