Application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas

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The European Parliament adopted by 686 votes to 3, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of Union

tariff rate quotas and other import quotas.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure.

Members approved the proposal, which aims to address the consequences of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU and in particular to prepare for the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement and the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland as regards the application of tariff and other quotas on imports from the Union.

The only notable provision of the proposal makes it clear that the tariff and other import quotas should be available only for goods imported and released into free circulation in the Union and not in Northern Ireland.

This is done by listing all EU territories where goods can be released into free circulation. This list does not include Northern Ireland.

In line with Members’ wishes, the regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It should apply from 1 January 2021.