

EU/Euratom/Ukraine Association Agreement: temporary trade liberalisation supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products

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PURPOSE: to renew the temporary trade liberalisation supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2023/1077 of the European Parliament and of the Council on temporary trade-liberalisation measures supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part.

CONTENT: Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine since 24 February 2022 has had a profoundly negative impact on the ability of Ukraine to trade with the rest of the world. In these exceptional circumstances, it is necessary to continue stimulating trade flows and granting concessions in the form of trade-liberalisation measures for all products, in line with the acceleration of the elimination of customs duties on trade between the Union and Ukraine.

This regulation **extends for one year, until June 2024**, the suspension of all customs duties, quotas and trade defence measures on Ukrainian exports to the EU.

Trade liberalisation measures

The regulation will apply for a period of one year and concerns the following:

- all outstanding **customs duties** under Title IV of the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine establishing a deep and comprehensive free trade area. This concerns two categories of products: fruits and vegetables subject to the entry-price system, and agricultural products and processed agricultural products subject to tariff-rate quotas;
- the collection of **anti-dumping duties** on imports originating in Ukraine as of the date of entry into force of this Regulation;
- the application of the **common rules for imports** (safeguards) with respect of imports originating in Ukraine.

Conditions for entitlement to the preferential arrangements

The preferential arrangements will be subject to the following conditions:

- compliance with the rules of origin of products and the procedures related thereto as provided for in the Association Agreement;
- Ukraine's abstention from introducing new duties or charges having equivalent effect and new quantitative restrictions or measures having equivalent effect for imports originating in the Union, from

increasing existing levels of duties or charges or from introducing any other restrictions on trade with the Union, including discriminatory internal administrative measures, unless clearly justified in the war context; and

- Ukraine's respect for **democratic principles**, human rights and fundamental freedoms and respect for the principle of the rule of law as well as continued and sustained efforts with regard to the fight against corruption, and illegal activities provided for in the Association Agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 6.6.2023.

APPLICATION: until 5.6.2024.