

Common rules for imports: suspension of certain parts of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 as regards imports of Ukrainian products into the European Union

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The European Parliament adopted by 354 votes to 147, with 53 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council suspending certain parts of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 as regards imports of Ukrainian products into the European Union.

Parliament adopted the Commission's proposal at first reading.

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has, since 24 February 2022, seriously undermined Ukraine's ability to trade with the rest of the world. This is the case, for example, in the iron and steel sector, due to the occupation or destruction of iron and steel production facilities, but also in other sectors of the Ukrainian economy.

Taking into account the economic situation in Ukraine, the proposed Regulation aims to protect market access conditions for imports from Ukraine by suspending certain surveillance and safeguard provisions contained in Regulation (EU) 2015/478 as regards imports into the Union of products originating in Ukraine.

The Commission may adopt implementing acts to suspend the application of this Regulation in respect of a specific product originating in Ukraine for a period that will not exceed 12 months, if imports of that product increase to a level that contributes significantly to the serious injury or threat of serious injury to Union producers of like or directly competing products.

The regulation will apply from 6 June 2025 until 5 June 2028.