Goods derived from the processing of agricultural products: trade arrangements WTO (amend. Regulation (EC) No 3448/93)

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Following discussions within the Council on the amendment of Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 on the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods arising from the processing of agricultural products, it became apparent that a majority of Member States were unable to support one of the changes proposed by the Commission. The amendment in question, to Article 8 of the Regulation, sought to align the measures provided for by the Regulation with those already adopted by the Council in the various COMs (Regulation 3290/94/EC). As the deletion of this amendment will not have any budgetary impact in relation to the initial proposal and as moreover it will not alter the Union's obligation to comply with its WTO commitments, the Commission proposes to withdraw this amendment to enable the Regulation to be adopted rapidly. The introduction of export certificates for agricultural products in the form of goods 'outside Annex 2' is already provided for in each of the COM Regulations which stipulates that the relevant refunds are payable. The Commission will adopt the necessary implementing provisions on the basis of its own powers to ensure compliance with the obligations entered into by the Community pursuant to Article 228 of the Treaty.