Counterfeit and pirated goods: measures to prohibit the release for free circulation, export or transit

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The European Parliament tabled a very large number of amendments, mainly seeking to extend the scope to goods subject to other customs schemes (re-export and suspensive procedures), provide for a Member State in which an application is made to take recourse to legislation applicable in another Member State, improve the definition of pirated goods, set specific time frames for certain stages of the administrative procedure, allow the competent authority to retain goods provisionally, before an application is made, if it suspects that the goods are counterfeit or pirated, abolish the possibility for a Member State to make provision for a second competent authority to deal with the application, delete the reference to the responsibility of the customs authorities and the civil responsibility of the holder of the right and, finally, calling on the Commission to prepare its report within one year from the entry into force of this regulation.