Excise duties: temporary quantitative restrictions for products brought into Sweden (amend. Directive 92/12/EEC)

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the report drafted by Jules MAATEN (ELDR, Netherlands) amending the proposal on temporary restrictions for products subject to excise duty brought into Sweden from other Member States. No substantial amendments were made, but the recitals now state that the phased elimination of the restrictions gives the Swedish authorities time to put in place alternative means of combating alcohol-related problems. They also state that while fiscal measures are matters of national sovereignty, Member States should strive for a higher degree of co-ordination of excise duties on alcohol.