Basic information

2014/0168(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Common rules for imports from certain third countries. Recast **Subject** 6.20.02 Export/import control, trade defence, trade barriers	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	WAŁĘSA Jarosław (PPE)	03/09/2014
	Shadow rapporteur MOSCA Alessia Maria (S&D) LOONES Sander (ECR) DE SARNEZ Marielle (ALDE) SCHAAKE Marietje (ALDE) KELLER Ska (Verts/ALE)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs		

Committee for opinion on the recast technique	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs	DUDA Andrzej (ECR)	14/10/2014

Council of the European Union	

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	3381	2015-04-20

European Commission	

Commission DG	Commissioner
Legal Service	JUNCKER Jean-Claude

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/05/2014	Legislative proposal published	COM(2014)0323	Summary
15/09/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
22/01/2015	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
28/01/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0014/2015	Summary
11/03/2015	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0053/2015	Summary
11/03/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
20/04/2015	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
29/04/2015	Final act signed		
29/04/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/05/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0168(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Recast
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/8/00464

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary

Committee draft report		PE539.793	14/10/2014	
Committee draft report		PE541.635	14/11/2014	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0014/2015	28/01/2015	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0053/2015	11/03/2015	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Draft final act	00007/2015/LEX	29/04/2015	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2014)0323	28/05/2014	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES6120/2014	10/12/2014	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2015/0755
OJ L 123 19.05.2015, p. 0033 Summary

Delegated acts

Reference	Subject
2017/2581(DEA)	Examination of delegated act

Common rules for imports from certain third countries. Recast

2014/0168(COD) - 28/01/2015 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Jarosław WAŁĘSA (EPP, PL) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for imports from certain third countries (recast).

The committee recommended the European Parliament to adopt its position at first reading, taking over the Commission proposal and taking account of the recommendations of the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

According to the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, the Commission proposal does not include any substantive amendments other than those identified as such in the proposal.

The Commission considered that in order to incorporate some substantive amendments, it was deemed necessary to transform the codification into a recast. As regards the substance of these proposals, they are largely technical corrections.

The main change resulting from the recast concerns updating the annex to remove countries which have now become members of the World Trade Organisation, namely Armenia, Russia, Tajikistan and Vietnam.

Common rules for imports from certain third countries. Recast

2014/0168(COD) - 28/05/2014 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: codification of Council Regulation (EC) No 625/2009 of 7 July 2009 on common rules for imports from certain third countries.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

CONTENT: in the interests of clarity and transparency of Union law, the purpose of this proposal is to **undertake a codification of Council Regulation (EC) No 625/2009 on common rules for imports from certain third countries.**

Council Regulation (EC) No 625/2009 has been substantially amended several times. It is recalled that in 1987, the Commission decided to instruct its staff that all acts should be codified after no more than ten amendments, stressing that this is a minimum requirement. The Edinburgh European Council in December 1992 confirmed the importance of codification as it offers certainty as to the law applicable to a given matter at a given time.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed, by an interinstitutional agreement dated 20 December 1994, that an accelerated procedure may be used for the fast-track adoption of codification instruments.

The new Regulation will supersede the various acts incorporated in it; it fully preserves the content of the acts being codified and hence does no more than bring them together with only such formal amendments as are required by the codification exercise itself.

Common rules for imports from certain third countries. Recast

2014/0168(COD) - 29/04/2015 - Final act

PURPOSE: codification of Council Regulation (EC) No 625/2009 of 17 July 2009 on common rules for imports from certain third countries.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2015/755 of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for imports from certain third countries.

CONTENT: the Regulation recasts Council Regulation (EC) No 625/2009. It applies to **imports of products originating in the third countries referred to in Annex I (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, North Korea, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)** with the exception of textile products covered by a separate Regulation. Imports into the Union of these products shall take place freely and accordingly shall not be subject to any quantitative restrictions.

The Regulation introduced:

- **an information and consultation procedure of the Union** to inform the Commission, by the Member States, when the trends in imports appear to call for surveillance or safeguard measures;
- **a Union investigation procedure**: in the case of some products, the Commission should examine import terms and conditions, import trends, the various aspects of the economic and commercial situation, and the measures, if any, to be taken. Time limits are set for the initiation of investigations and for determinations as to whether, or not, measures are appropriate, with a view to ensuring that such determinations are made quickly;
- **the Union's surveillance measures** on certain imports on the Commission’s initiative or at the request of a Member State, where the Union’s interests so require. However, such measures shall not prevent the release for free circulation of products already on their way to the Union provided that the destination of such products cannot be changed and that those products which, may be put into free circulation only on production of a surveillance document are in fact accompanied by such a document;
- **safeguard measures** where a product is imported into the Union in such greatly increased quantities or on such terms or conditions as to cause, or threaten to cause, serious injury to Union producers of like or directly competing products.

Lastly, **Armenia, Russia, Tajikistan and Vietnam** have become members of the WTO and therefore have been deleted from Annex I of the Regulation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 8.6.2015.

DELEGATED ACTS: the Commission may adopt delegated acts in order to remove countries from the list of third countries contained in Annex I when they become members of the WTO. The power to adopt such acts is conferred on the Commission for a **period of five years (tacitly extended) from 20 February 2014**. The European Parliament or the Council may object to a delegated act within two months from the date of notification (this period may be extended by two months). If the European Parliament or the Council objects to the delegated act, it shall not enter into force.

Common rules for imports from certain third countries. Recast

2014/0168(COD) - 11/03/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 643 votes to 32, with 30 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for imports from certain third countries (recast).

Parliament adopted its position at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure, without amending the Commission proposal.

The proposal to recast Council Regulation (EC) No 625/2009 lays down surveillance and safeguard measures applicable to specific imports, such as coal and steel products, with the exception of textile products which is subject to a separate regulation.

This Regulation applies to imports of products originating in a restricted number of third countries (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, North Korea, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).

The main change resulting from the recast concerns updating the annex to remove countries which have now become members of the World Trade Organisation, namely Armenia, Russia, Tajikistan and Vietnam.