Basic information

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Application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas to certain products transferred to Northern Ireland Amending Regulation 2020/2170 2020/0176(COD) **Subject** 6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 6.20.05 Multilateral and plurilateral economic and trade agreements and relations	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	KELLY Seán (EPP)	14/03/2023
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Council of the European Union

European Commission

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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/02/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0125	Summary
13/03/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		

27/04/2023	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
28/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0164/2023	
09/05/2023	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0121/2023	Summary
09/05/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/06/2023	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
14/06/2023	Final act signed		
30/06/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0063(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation 2020/2170 2020/0176(COD)
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/9/11385

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE745.337	15/03/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0164/2023	28/04/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0121/2023	09/05/2023	Summary

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Draft final act	00018/2023/LEX	14/06/2023	

European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2023)0125	27/02/2023	Summary

Additional information		
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Final act	
Regulation 2023/1321 OJ L 166 30.06.2023, p. 0001	Summary

Application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas to certain products transferred to Northern Ireland

2023/0063(COD) - 27/02/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 as regards the application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas to certain products transferred to Northern Ireland.

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.

BACKGROUND: according to Article 1 of Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 of the European Parliament and of the Council, goods imported from outside the Union are eligible for treatment pursuant to Union import tariff rate quotas or other import quotas only if they are released for free circulation in the territories listed therein. The territories set out in that provision do not include Northern Ireland.

The Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the United Kingdom and the European Union provides for the opening by the Union of quotas with regard to imports into the Union of certain products originating in the United Kingdom.

In addition, the TCA confers upon the Union the right to introduce other tariff rate quotas or import quotas with regard to imports of goods originating in the United Kingdom under certain circumstances, including as part of the application of multilateral safeguard measures in accordance with the WTO Agreement. It is necessary, therefore, to clarify whether goods originating in the United Kingdom and released for free circulation in Northern Ireland are eligible for treatment under those tariff rate quotas or other import quotas.

The United Kingdom has provided evidence showing that certain steel products originating in the United Kingdom that are currently subject to safeguard measures under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 have been transferred in significant quantities to Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom. To ensure the economic viability of these transfers and in view of the specific circumstances in Northern Ireland, it is appropriate to allow for the products concerned to benefit from the respective Union's tariff rate quotas when they are released for free circulation in Northern Ireland. In order to limit the risk of circumvention, these products concerned should be consigned directly from other parts of the United Kingdom.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to amend Regulation 2020/2170 so as to allow that the Union's tariff rate quotas be available for **certain steel products** (Non Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates, and Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non Alloy Steel) originating in the United Kingdom and subject to safeguard measures and that are brought into Northern Ireland by direct transport from other parts of the United Kingdom should also be **eligible for treatment pursuant to Union import tariff rate quotas** if those goods are released for free circulation in the territory of Northern Ireland.

Since the need for importation under tariff rate quotas of steel of UK origin subject to safeguard measures into Northern Ireland may also vary over time, the proposal also provides for the Commission to **adjust, by way of delegated acts, the list of steel products** subject to safeguards for which Union' s tariff rate quotas will be made available, where appropriate.

Application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas to certain products transferred to Northern Ireland

2023/0063(COD) - 30/06/2023 - Final act

PURPOSE: to allow certain categories of steel to be transferred from Great Britain to Northern Ireland under EU tariff quotas.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2023/1321 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 as regards the application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas to certain steel products transferred to Northern Ireland.

CONTENT: with this Regulation, the Union is continuing to put in place the **Windsor framework**, which was the subject of a political agreement between the Commission and the United Kingdom Government on 27 February 2023, to address, in a definitive manner, the challenges concerning Northern Ireland following the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

The Regulation aims to implement the **joint solutions** agreed with the United Kingdom in relation to certain **steel products**. It amends Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 so as to allow that the Union's tariff rate quotas be available for certain steel products (Non Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates, and Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non Alloy Steel) originating in the United Kingdom and subject to safeguard measures and that are brought into Northern Ireland by direct transport from other parts of the United Kingdom should also be eligible for treatment pursuant to Union import tariff rate quotas if those goods are released for free circulation in the territory of Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland companies will thus no longer need to pay the 25% tariff linked to the EU safeguard measures currently in place for steel imports into the EU, which will make the transfer economically viable for them again. Again, these additional transfers are mirrored by appropriate safeguards.

The Regulation provides for the possibility for the Commission to adapt, by means of a delegated act, the list of steel products subject to safeguard measures for which EU tariff quotas may, if necessary, become available.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1.7.2023.

Application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas to certain products transferred to Northern Ireland

2023/0063(COD) - 09/05/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 617 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 as regards the application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas to certain products transferred to Northern Ireland.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, **taking over** the Commission's proposal.

The Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the European Union provides for the opening by the Union of quotas with regard to imports into the Union of certain products originating in the United Kingdom. In addition, the TCA confers upon the Union the right to introduce tariff rate quotas or other import quotas with regard to imports of goods originating in the United Kingdom under certain circumstances, including as part of the application of multilateral safeguard measures in accordance with the WTO Agreement.

The proposal seeks to amend Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 so as to allow that the Union's tariff rate quotas be available for certain steel products (Non Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates, and Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non Alloy Steel) originating in the United Kingdom and subject to safeguard measures and that are brought into Northern Ireland by direct transport from other parts of the United Kingdom should also be eligible for treatment pursuant to Union import tariff rate quotas if those goods are released for free circulation in the territory of Northern Ireland.

The proposal also provides for the possibility for the Commission to adjust, by means of a delegated act, the list of steel products subject to safeguards for which Union's tariff rate quotas will be made available, where appropriate.