Basic information

2025/0260(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Non-application of customs duties on imports of certain goods **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin **Geographical area** United States	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	LANGE Bernd (S&D)	24/09/2025
	Shadow rapporteur ZOVKO Željana (EPP) BRYŁKA Anna (PfE) VAN DIJCK Kris (ECR) KARLSBRO Karin (Renew) CAVAZZINI Anna (Greens/EFA) SCHIRDEWAN Martin (The Left) BUCHHEIT Markus (ESN)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Committee for budgetary assessment	Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	GÓMEZ LÓPEZ Sandra (S&D)	28/10/2024

Council of the European Union	
European Commission	Commission DG: Trade and Economic Security Commissioner: ŠEFČOVIČ Maroš

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/08/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0472	Summary
20/10/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
19/03/2026	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
19/03/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0070/2026	
19/03/2026	Rejection by committee to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
26/03/2026	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0097/2026	Summary
26/03/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/03/2026	Debate in Parliament		
26/03/2026	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		
02/06/2026	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE789.020 GEDA/A/(2026)003448	
15/06/2026	Debate in Parliament		
16/06/2026	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0197/2026	Summary
16/06/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
25/06/2026	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
25/06/2026	Final act signed		
30/06/2026	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/0260(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 58 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Committee dossier	INTA/10/03796

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE779.298	22/10/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE779.461	14/11/2025	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE778.167	12/12/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0070/2026	19/03/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T10-0097/2026	26/03/2026	Summary
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE789.020	27/05/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0197/2026	16/06/2026	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2026)003448	27/05/2026	
Draft final act	00031/2026/LEX	24/06/2026	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2025)0472	28/08/2025	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2026)07-27	27/07/2026	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Other Members

Transparency

Name	Date	Interest representatives
BENIFEI Brando	24/09/2025	Federazione italiana industriali produttori esportatori ed importatori di vini, acquaviti, liquori, sciroppi, aceti ed affini

Final act

Regulation 2026/1461
OJ OJ L 30.06.2026

Non-application of customs duties on imports of certain goods

2025/0260(COD) - 28/08/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to maintain additional opportunities for EU and US operators and avoid the deterioration of trade relations with the United States by eliminating or reducing customs duties.

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: by means of Regulation (EU) 2020/2131 on the elimination of customs duties on certain goods, customs duties on imports of certain types of lobsters and crayfish were eliminated for a period of five years, until 31 July 2025. This is the result of a joint statement by the European Union and the United States of 21 August 2020 announcing the elimination or reduction of customs duties for a limited number of tariff lines. By Presidential Proclamation of 22 December 2020, the United States granted, in return, duty-free treatment of comparable economic value on products such as ready-made meals, certain crystal articles, surface preparations, propellant powders, cigarette lighters, and lighter parts.

As part of a political agreement announced by Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, and US President, Donald Trump, on 27 July 2025, and in accordance with the Joint Statement of 21 August 2025, the Union expressed its intention to take immediate steps to extend the Joint Statement of the Union and the United States of 21 August 2020 with regard to lobsters and crayfish, with a broader scope to include processed (i.e. cooked) lobsters and crayfish.

CONTENT: this proposal for a regulation aims to extend the duty-free treatment for **lobster** and henceforth to include **processed (i.e. cooked) lobster**.

For the Union, lobsters and crayfish, including processed (i.e. cooked) lobsters and crayfish, are not a sensitive product, as the Union continues to be a net importer of the products covered by the proposed regulation. In 2024, the Union imported EUR 72 million worth of these lobsters and crayfish from the United States (22% of total extra-Union imports), while the total trade concerned was approximately EUR 342 million in 2024 (approximately EUR 320 million of imports into the Union and EUR 21 million of exports from the Union). The continued non-application of import duties and the extension of its scope to processed (i.e., cooked) lobsters and crayfish will continue to support the agri-food industry and the hospitality sector.

A parallel proposal for a regulation aims to eliminate customs duties on US industrial products and grant preferential market access for a range of non-sensitive US seafood and agricultural products.

Budgetary implication

The further liberalisation of industrial tariffs will have a limited negative impact on the EU budget.

Between 2020 and May 2025, the EU waived EUR 37.3 million in duties, including EUR 26.5 million related to US imports. The amount of duties that the European Union would forego, taking into account the extension of the scope to cooked/processed lobsters and crayfish, applied during the same period (August 2020 to May 2025), would amount to an additional EUR 242 000, almost entirely from US imports.

On this basis, the annual budgetary impact of not applying customs duties to cooked/processed lobsters and crayfish is estimated at approximately **EUR 48 000**, and the annual budgetary impact of not applying customs duties to all goods listed in the Annex to the proposed regulation is estimated at approximately **EUR 7.5 million**.

Non-application of customs duties on imports of certain goods

2025/0260(COD) - 26/03/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 437 votes to 144, with 60 abstentions, amendments to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the non-application of customs duties on imports of certain goods.

The issue was sent back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations.

This proposal for a regulation is presented in parallel with the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the adjustment of customs duties on imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America and on the opening of tariff-rate quotas for imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America. It aims to extend the duty-free treatment for lobster and henceforth to include processed (i. e. cooked) lobster.

The main amendments adopted in plenary are as follows:

Suspension clause

The Commission could adopt delegated acts to suspend, in whole or in part, the non-application of customs duties in the following circumstances:

- **where the United States imposes additional tariffs** on goods imported from the Union that exceed the 15 % tariff ceiling or modifies the product classification with the effect of raising the tariff level;

- **where a change of objective circumstances** has occurred, in particular regarding serious breaches of human rights, fundamental principles of democracy and the rule of law, as well as threats to the essential security interests of the Union or its Member States, including their territorial integrity and their economic dimension, and to their foreign and defence policies.

The delegated acts will apply as long as the above circumstances persist and, in any event, **until 31 December 2028 at the latest**.

Evaluation and reporting

No later than six months from the date of entry into force of the regulation, the Commission should publish a provisional evaluation report on the impact of the regulation.

By 30 June 2028, the Commission should publish a comprehensive evaluation report on the impact of this regulation. That report should also assess the development of the trade and investment relationship for the products falling within the scope of this regulation between the Union and the United States since 1 August 2025.

Where appropriate, the report referred should be accompanied by a **legislative proposal** for extension of the application of this regulation.

The Commission should keep the European Parliament and the Council informed, regularly and in a timely manner, of relevant developments in the application of this regulation.

The regulation will be applicable **from 1 August 2025 to 31 December 2028**.

Non-application of customs duties on imports of certain goods

2025/0260(COD) - 16/06/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 444 votes to 152 with 54 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the non-application of customs duties on imports of certain goods.

This proposal for a regulation is presented alongside the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the adjustment of customs duties on imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America and the opening of tariff-rate quotas for imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America. It aims to extend the duty-free admission regime for lobster and to now also include processed (i.e., cooked) lobster.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading, amending the proposal as follows:

Suspension

The Commission may adopt an implementing act suspending in whole or in part the non-application of customs duties in any of the following circumstances:

- where the United States fails to implement the Joint Statement on a European Union – United States Framework on an Agreement on Reciprocal, Fair and Balanced Trade, announced on 21 August 2025 (the ‘Joint Statement’); or

- where the United States: (a) undermines the objectives of improving the trade and investment relationship between the Union and the United States and the objectives pursued by the Joint Statement, or (b) undermines access of Union economic operators to the United States market, or otherwise disrupts the trade and investment relationship between the Union and the United States;

- where a change of objective circumstances has occurred with regard to those existing on the date of the joint statement.

Assessment and reporting

By 31 January 2030, the Commission will present an assessment of the effects of this Regulation. This assessment will cover the changes since 1 August 2025 in trade volumes and values of United States exports to the Union of the goods covered by this Regulation.

Where appropriate, this assessment will be accompanied by a legislative proposal to extend the period of application of the Regulation.

The Commission will regularly and promptly inform the European Parliament and the Council of relevant developments in the application of the Regulation.

The Regulation will apply **from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2030**.