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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure[(1)],

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 55/2008[(2)] established a specific scheme of autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Moldova. That scheme gives all products originating in the Republic of Moldova free access to the Union market, except for certain agricultural products listed in Annex I to that Regulation for which limited concessions have been granted either in the form of exemption from customs duties within the limit of tariff quotas or of reduction of customs duties.

(2) In the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), the EU-Moldova ENP Action Plan and the Eastern Partnership, the Republic of Moldova has adopted an ambitious agenda for political association and further economic integration with the Union. The Republic of Moldova has also already made strong progress on regulatory approximation leading to convergence with Union laws and standards.

(3) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part[(3)] (the Association Agreement), including the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA), was signed on 27 June 2014 and the provisional application was effective from 1 September 2014.

(4) The specific scheme of autonomous trade preferences will continue to apply until 31 December 2015.

(5) In order to support the efforts of the Republic of Moldova in accordance with the objectives set out in the ENP, the Eastern Partnership and the Association Agreement, and to provide an attractive and reliable market for its exports of fresh apples, fresh plums and fresh table grapes, further concessions should be made for the import of

those products from the Republic of Moldova into the Union, on the basis of duty free tariff quotas.

(6) It is also necessary to amend certain CN codes in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 in order to reflect the amendments introduced in Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87[(4)] by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1001/2013[(5)].

(7) In order to allow the operators to benefit from those further concessions as soon as possible, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(8) In view of the seasonal production peak of those products, it is appropriate to apply the further concessions from 1 August 2014.

(9) Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 55/2008, Table 1 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 August 2014.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 2014.

For the European Parliament

The President

M. SCHULZ

For the Council

The President

S. GOZI

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) No 1383/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

1.

PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL DUTY FREE TARIFF QUOTAS

Order No	CN Code	Description	2008[a]	2009[a]	2010[a]	2011[a]	2012[a]	2013[a]	2014[a]	2015[a]
09.0504	0201 to 0204	Fresh, chilled and frozen meat of bovine animals, swine and sheep and goats	3 000[b]	3 000[b]	4 000[b]	4 000[b]	4 000[b]	4 000[b]	4 000[b]	4 000[b]
09.0505	ex 0207	Meat and edible offal of the poultry of heading 0105, fresh, chilled or frozen, other than fatty livers of subheading 0207 43	400[b]	400[b]	500[b]	500[b]	500[b]	500[b]	500[b]	500[b]
09.0506	ex 0210	Meat and edible	400[b]	400[b]	500[b]	500[b]	500[b]	500[b]	500[b]	500[b]

a From 1 January until 31 December, except for 2008, for which the tariff quotas apply from the first day of application of the Regulation until 31 December.

b Tonnes (net weight).

c Million units.

d For 2014, the tariff quota applies from 1 August until 31 December.

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		meat offal of swine and bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal of domestic swine and bovine animals								
09.4210	0401 to 0406	Dairy products	1 000[b]	1 000[b]	1 500[b]	1 500[b]	1 500[b]	1 500[b]	1 500[b]	1 500[b]
09.0507	0407 00	Birds' eggs, in shells	90[c]	95[c]	100[c]	110[c]	120[c]	120[c]	120[c]	120[c]
09.0508	ex 0408	Birds' eggs, not in shells, and egg yolks, other than those	200[b]	200[b]	300[b]	300[b]	300[b]	300[b]	300[b]	300[b]

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