

Procedure file

Basic information		
DEA - Delegated acts procedure	2017/2511(DEA)	Procedure completed - delegated act enters into force
Scheme of generalised tariff preferences: amending Annex III		
Supplementing 2011/0117(COD)		
Subject 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade		

Key events			
11/01/2017	Non-legislative basic document published	C(2016)08996	
11/01/2017	Initial period for examining delegated act 2 month(s)		
18/01/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/01/2017	Initial period for examining delegated act extended at Parliament's request by 2 month(s)		
18/04/2017	Decision by committee, without report		
27/04/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/04/2017	Decision by Parliament		Summary
11/05/2017	Delegated act not objected by Council		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2017/2511(DEA)
Procedure type	DEA - Delegated acts procedure
Procedure subtype	Examination of delegated act
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed - delegated act enters into force
Committee dossier	INTA/8/08926

Documentation gateway			

Document attached to the procedure		SWD(2016)0474	11/01/2017	EC	
Non-legislative basic document		C(2016)08996	11/01/2017	EC	
Motion for a resolution objecting delegated act		B8-0273/2017	26/04/2017	EP	

Scheme of generalised tariff preferences: amending Annex III

The European Parliament rejected by 119 votes to 436, with 22 abstentions, a motion for a resolution tabled by the GUE/NGL group, which sought to object to the Commission delegated regulation of 11 January 2017 amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences.

Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts in order to establish or amend Annex III in order to grant a requesting country the special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance by adding that country to the list of GSP+ beneficiary countries.

On 11 January 2017 the Commission adopted a delegated act to add Sri Lanka to Annex III of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012.

Members at the origin of the motion for a resolution considered that the Sri Lankan governments reform efforts, including those that directly relate to the GSP+ criteria, have not yet delivered on their aim of complying with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The motion for a resolution also focused on:

- the conclusions of the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Sri Lanka of 10 February 2017 according to which the measures taken by Sri Lanka since October 2015 have been inadequate to ensure real progress;
- the identification by the Committee of Experts of the International Labour Organization (ILO) of shortcomings in relation to ILO Conventions 87 and 98, the insufficiencies of the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act 56 of 1999;
- the failure to complete the process of repealing and replacing the Prevention of Terrorism Act;
- the suspicions that the Sri Lankan government is not adequately tackling the culture of impunity.

In conclusion, Members stated that the existing human rights violations in Sri Lanka raise concerns about the appropriateness of granting GSP+ status while not enough real progress is being made according to international bodies.