Reduction or elimination of customs duties on goods originating in Ukraine: extension of the application period

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The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Gabrielius LANDSBERGIS (EPP, LT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 374/2014 on the reduction or elimination of customs duties on goods originating in Ukraine.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to adopt its position at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure taking over the Commission proposal.

Members supported the Commission proposal seeking to extend the application of Regulation (EU) No 374/2014 on the reduction or elimination of customs duties on goods originating in Ukraine until 31 December 2015.

The extension of the Regulation (EU) No 374/2014 until the end of 2015 is intended to support Ukraine in its extremely difficult security, political and economic situation through the implementation of EU tariff commitments under the ratified Association Agreement.

Given the objective to ensure the maintenance of the existing conditions for the access to the EU market and minimise the risks of disruption on exports to the EU, Members considered that the most effective solution remains the extension of the autonomous trade measures.