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#### **INFORMATION NOTE**

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards Union tariff rate quota for high quality beef from Paraguay - Outcome of the European Parliament's first reading (Strasbourg, 13-16 December 2021)

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#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

A number of informal contacts have taken place between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with a view to reaching an agreement on this file at first reading.

In this context, the Committee on International Trade presented a compromise amendment to the abovementioned proposal for a Regulation. This amendment had been agreed during informal contacts referred to above. No other amendments were tabled.

## II. VOTE

When it voted on 13 December 2021, the plenary adopted in a single vote the compromise amendment to the abovementioned proposal for a Regulation. No other amendments were adopted. The Commission's proposal as thus amended constitutes the Parliament's first-reading position which is contained in its legislative resolution of 14 December 2021, as set out in the Annex hereto.

The Parliament's position reflects what had been previously agreed between the institutions. The Council should therefore be in a position to approve the Parliament's position.

The act would then be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the Parliament's position.

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## **Union tariff rate quota for high quality beef from Paraguay \*\*\*I**

**European Parliament legislative resolution of 14 December 2021 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards Union tariff rate quota for high quality beef from Paraguay (COM(2021)0313 – C9-0228/2021 – 2021/0146(COD))**

**(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2021)0313),
  - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C9-0228/2021),
  - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 8 December 2021 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on International Trade (A9-0333/2021),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
  3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

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**Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 14 December 2021 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2021/... of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/216 as regards the Union tariff rate quota for high-quality beef from Paraguay**

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<sup>1</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> Position of the European Parliament of 14 December 2021.

Whereas:

- (1) Following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the ‘United Kingdom’) from the Union, the Union and the United Kingdom notified the other Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that their current market access levels will be maintained by apportioning the Union’s tariff rate quotas between the Union and the United Kingdom. The methodology for that apportionment, as well as the EU-27 volumes, are laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2</sup>.
- (2) The Union’s tariff rate quotas that are not part of the Union’s schedule of concessions and commitments should not be apportioned.
- (3) Council Regulation (EC) No 1149/2002<sup>3</sup> opened an import tariff quota of 1 000 tonnes, expressed in product weight, of high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef. Despite not being part of the WTO schedule of the Union, that tariff quota was incorrectly apportioned by Regulation (EU) 2019/216, thus reducing its volume with application as of 1 January 2021. The original volume of that tariff quota should therefore be restored.
- (4) Regulation (EU) 2019/216 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 January 2019 on the apportionment of tariff rate quotas included in the WTO schedule of the Union following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union, and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 32/2000 (OJ L 38, 8.2.2019, p. 1).

<sup>3</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 1149/2002 of 27 June 2002 opening an autonomous quota for imports of high-quality beef (OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 13).

## Article 1

In Part A of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2019/216, the following row is deleted:

High quality meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	t		PAR	094455	71,1 %	711
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## Article 2

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

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

Done at ..., ...

*For the European Parliament*

*For the Council*

*The President*

*The President*