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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

On 30 November 2015 Kazakhstan joined the World Trade Organization. Therefore it is necessary to remove the Republic of Kazakhstan from the scope of Regulation (EU) 2015/755. Article 20 of that Regulation empowers the Commission to adopt a delegated act in order to remove countries from Annex I of the Regulation.

### **2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

The measure proposed in this Regulation is in accordance with the opinion of the Member States' experts.

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

Kazakhstan shall be removed from Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2015/755, and will be by default covered by Regulation (EU) 2015/478, the EU's basic safeguard Regulation for WTO Member countries.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/755 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on common rules for imports from certain third countries<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In view of the accession of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organisation, provisions should be made that Kazakhstan is removed from the scope of Regulation (EU) 2015/755.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2015/755 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2015/755, the name "Kazakhstan" is deleted.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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 Brussels, 24.2.2017

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*Jean-Claude JUNCKER*

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 33.