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‘Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and their Member States of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part

Date of Application	29/10/2025
Other mechanisms	
Provisions contained in the Agreement	<p>Annex I – E Article 2 – Production standards</p> <p>‘1. Ukraine shall align its legislation to the Union legal acts listed in Appendix C to this Annex by 31 December 2028.’</p> <p>‘5. If, notwithstanding paragraph 4, the Commission cannot conclude that Ukraine has met its obligation under paragraph 1, the Union may suspend all or part of the preferences granted pursuant to Article 1 for relevant products. The Union shall, without delay, deliver to Ukraine a notification setting out its intention to suspend preferences. The suspension may not apply earlier than 30 days from the date of delivery of the notification to Ukraine.</p> <p>6. At Ukraine’s request, and following the delivery of new information, the Commission shall review Ukraine’s compliance with paragraph 1 with respect to the relevant Union legal act. The review shall take no longer than four weeks and may involve consultations between the Parties. If the Commission concludes that Ukraine has complied with paragraph 1, the Union shall reintroduce the suspended part of the preferences under Article 1 within two months.’</p> <p>Article 3 - Safeguard measures</p> <p>‘1. If serious economic, societal or environmental difficulties of a sectoral or regional nature liable to persist have arisen or threaten to arise in either Party, including, in the case of the Union, in one or several Member States, as a result of imports of a product covered by the additional reduction or elimination of customs duties under Article 1, the Party concerned may take appropriate safeguard measures with respect to the preferences granted under Article 1.</p> <p>2. The Party concerned shall, without delay, notify the other Party of its intention to take safeguard measures and shall provide all relevant information. The Parties shall immediately enter into consultations with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution.</p> <p>3. The Party concerned may not take safeguard measures until one month has elapsed from the date of notification under paragraph 2, unless the consultation procedure under paragraph 2 has been concluded before the expiration of the stated time limit. When exceptional circumstances requiring immediate action exclude prior examination, the Party concerned may immediately apply the safeguard measures strictly necessary to remedy the situation.’</p>