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Debriefing from the 9th and final trilogue concerning the GSP-review

Danish Presidency, 10 December 2025

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Debrief from Trilogue on 1 December

- **Political agreement fully in line with the mandate** from Coreper on 28 November

- Overall, **successful but challenging negotiations**

- **Readmission**: Confirmation of agreement reached at technical level based on:
  - Council mandate of March 2024,
  - with a new recital on WTO compatibility (WK 9735/2025 ADD 1) and
  - provisions on access for the Parliament to Visa Code information (WK 13649/2025).

Debrief from Trilogue on 1 December

- **Rice:** Agreement on a compromise proposal with an automatic TRQ safeguard mechanism for rice with:
  - Thresholds based on a **10-year average**
  - Updated every year
  - A **surge-level of 45 pct**.
  - A **de minimis** clause of 6 pct. of total Union imports
  - Resulting in total duty-free imports of rice from Myanmar and Cambodia of approximately **562.000 tonnes**
  - **Duration:** Year 1: MFN-duties when triggered, Year 2: TRQ imposed

- A **mid-term review** of the regulation after five years

- Agreement on date of **entry into force**: 1 January 2027

- **Mandate for technical level to finalise** text during an ITM this week (Thursday)

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Way forward

- ITM scheduled for 11 December with a view to complete final text consolidation

- Text will then be circulated to you at technical level
- Afterwards, endorsement of the final agreement in Coreper (TBD if during DK Presidency)