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European Commission proposes reduction or elimination of customs duties for products originating in Ukraine

The European Union (EU) and Ukraine already concluded their negotiations for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) at the end of 2011. Due to the recent developments in Ukraine, the DCFTA still has not been signed yet. As an alternative, supporting the economic stabilization of the Ukraine, the European Commission has now adopted a proposal for a regulation unilaterally granting Ukrainian products preferential EU market access. EU customs duties on (mainly agricultural and food) products originating in Ukraine will be reduced or fully eliminated. The proposal and the relevant Annexes with the products concerned can be found here: [Proposal COM 2014 0166](#). For the time being, the Ukraine no longer depends on the entry into force of the DCFTA, which is now expected to take some more time. If the Ukraine fails to comply with the conditions of this regulation, the European Commission, however, can suspend its autonomous preferences granted.

What does it mean for you?

If you import products originating in Ukraine that are included in the Annexes to the proposed regulation, this may possibly lower your EU customs duty burden when the proposal is accepted and the regulation enters into force.

What to do?

You may already want to check the products included in the Annexes to this proposal to see if it includes products which you import from the Ukraine and which may become eligible for customs duty reductions or eliminations when the regulation enters into force. We will of course keep you updated on any news regarding this subject.

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