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Russia plans to restrict the preferential regime on the majority of Ukrainian imported goods

On 19 September 2014, the Russian Government adopted Resolution № 959, which cancels the preferential customs duty rates for a number of Ukrainian goods under the Free Trade Agreement.

If implemented, the Resolution will affect more than 200 tariff positions including agriculture products, textile, machinery, vehicles, etc. Such goods will be subject to the standard import duty rates of the Customs Union applicable to goods imported from countries enjoying the most-favoured nation regime. Such rates may vary from 0 to 25%.

This Resolution will come into force 10 days after the Russian Government concludes that Ukraine has started practical implementation of the economic part of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU. From the wording of the Resolution it is unclear which action of Ukraine constitutes the implementation of the economic part of the Association Agreement.

Simultaneously, the Ukrainian Government announced plans for the practical implementation of the provisions of the Association Agreement. Therefore, the risk of cancellation of the preferential customs duty rates on Ukrainian goods may materialise anytime upon a separate decision of the Russian Government.

You can find the complete text of the Resolution dated 19.09.2014 № 959 in the following link:

<http://government.ru/media/files/1dGo8nzgoEE.pdf>

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