

Follow up to the European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the modification of customs duties applicable to imports of certain goods originating in or exported from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus

- 1. Rapporteur:** Vaidere (EPP / LV)
- 2. References:** 2025/0021(COD) / A10-0087/2025 / P10_TA(2025)0109
- 3. Date of adoption of the resolution:** 22 May 2025
- 4. Legal basis:** Article 294(2) and Article 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
- 5. Competent Parliamentary Committee:** Committee on International Trade
- 6. Commission's position:** Ahead of the vote in Plenary, the Commission made the following statement:

Statement by the Commission on the monitoring of prices of fertilisers and mitigating measures delivered in the context of deliberations on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the modification of customs duties applicable to imports of certain goods originating in or exported directly or indirectly from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus.

The Union's food security depends on the continuous existence of the autonomous Union's nitrogen-based fertiliser production industry that can supply the EU market. The present level of imports from the Russian Federation, competing unfairly in the EU market due to gas price difference, is undermining the EU industry. At the same time, it is essential to ensure that Union farmers have predictable, sufficient and affordable access to nitrogen-based fertilisers as this is indispensable to the stabilisation of EU agricultural markets.

Article 2 of the Regulation provides that the Commission shall monitor prices applicable in the Union of the goods listed in Annex II (nitrogen-based fertilisers) during four years from the application of this Regulation. The Commission recalls that it already publishes regularly data reflecting price evolution of fertilisers. Trends shown by this dataset are discussed during the EU Fertilisers Market Observatory meetings. On this base, the Commission will continue the monitoring of the prices of nitrogen-based fertilisers subject to this Regulation and will make the information about the results of this monitoring available to the Member States on a regular, monthly basis through a consolidated document published on the website of the Commission.

The Commission notes that the Regulation provides for the suspension of tariffs for concerned fertiliser products imported from origins other than the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus as one of the potential appropriate actions in case of a substantial surge of fertilisers' prices. The Commission commits to take such action if this case arises. Already in 2022, the Commission had proposed, and the Council accepted, a temporary suspension of common custom tariffs on some nitrogen-based fertilisers from countries other than Russia and Belarus, due to significant price increases in the Union market. Furthermore, the Commission recalls that since the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, it adopted measures to support European farmers in all Member States whenever it was considered necessary.'

The Commission recognises the need to take fully into account the competitiveness of the EU fertilisers industry in the future actions implementing the Clean Industrial Deal.