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The Commission has reached an agreement in principle in its consultations with Ukraine to review the reciprocal tariff liberalisation under the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement¹ in accordance with Article 29 of that Agreement, which will define the future trade relationship following the expiry of the autonomous trade measures (ATMs) Regulation².

The review has provided a well-balanced, mutually beneficial solution that will allow for reciprocal trade between the EU and Ukraine in agricultural goods which supports the economy of Ukraine and the EU, while at the same time protecting EU farmers and addressing interests flagged by some Member States and Members of the European Parliament. Furthermore, the negotiated solution would also include a safeguard clause that would be triggered to prevent any adverse impacts of trade flows on the EU market, including in one or several Member States.

The review also links additional trade liberalisation with Ukraine's gradual alignment to EU production standards for agricultural products, providing an incentive for closer integration to the EU market and supporting the accession process.

Until the entry into force of the result of the review under Article 29 of the Agreement, a bridging solution in the form of the application of the current quotas of that agreement on a pro-rata basis ensures a smooth continuation of Ukrainian exports following the expiry of the ATMs.

¹ https://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2014/295/oj.

² <https://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1392/oj>.