



Basic information	
2003/0117(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Arhus Protocol (1998) See also 2003/0118(CNS) See also 2014/0358(NLE) See also 2014/0359(NLE) Subject 3.70.02 Atmospheric pollution, motor vehicle pollution 3.70.09 Transfrontier pollution	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety		FRAHM Pernille (GUE/NGL)	09/09/2003
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs		ZIMERAY François (PSE)	20/10/2003
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)		2561	2004-02-19
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Environment			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/06/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0332 	Summary
01/09/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/11/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
04/11/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0372/2003	
20/11/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0516/2003	Summary

19/02/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/02/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/03/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0117(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2003/0118(CNS) See also 2014/0358(NLE) See also 2014/0359(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095-p1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/19675

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0372/2003	04/11/2003	
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European Commission				
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Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Arhus Protocol (1998)

2003/0117(CNS) - 19/02/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to approve, on behalf of the Community, the 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP). LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2004/259/EC concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. CONTENT : the Council adopted a Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. The instrument of approval on behalf of the Community will be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 16 of the Protocol. The Protocol aims at limiting discharges, emissions and losses of thirteen persistent organic pollutants that cause significant adverse effects on human health or the environment as a result of their long-range transboundary atmospheric transport. In addition, Parties have to take effective measures to reduce or stabilise total annual emissions of certain substances.

Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Arhus Protocol (1998)

2003/0117(CNS) - 20/11/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Pernille FRAHM (EUL/NGL, DK) and made a few amendments to the proposal. (Please see the document dated 04/11/03.)

Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Arhus Protocol (1998)

2003/0117(CNS) - 12/06/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to approve, on behalf of the Community, the 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. CONTENT : the Community has been a Party to the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) since 1982. This Convention was negotiated and adopted under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. The Executive Body of the LRTAP Convention decided in 1996 to open negotiations on a Protocol on persistent organic pollutants. The negotiations were concluded in February 1998. The Commission participated on behalf of the Community and in accordance with the negotiating directives given by the Council on 7 October 1997. The Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants was adopted and opened for signature at a special session of the Executive Body which was held in conjunction with the Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" in Aarhus, Denmark on 23-25 June 1998. The Community and all the Member States signed the Protocol on 24 June 1998. The aim of the Protocol is to control, reduce or eliminate discharges, emissions and losses of persistent organic pollutants that cause significant adverse effects on human health or the environment as a result of their long-range transboundary atmospheric transport. The Protocol stipulates the elimination or reduction of production and use of thirteen substances regarded as persistent organic pollutants. In addition, Parties have to take effective measures to reduce or stabilise total annual emissions of certain substances. In order to ensure that proposals for listing additional substances in the Protocol are justified and have sufficient support in the Community, only joint proposals by the Community and the Member States may be submitted to the Secretariat. Therefore, appropriate provisions on submitting new proposals are included in the Decision. While the main purpose and the content of the Protocol concerns environmental protection, the provisions concerning prohibitions and restrictions of intentional production and use of chemicals are relevant to the functioning of the internal market. Therefore, the Decision on ratification is based on Articles 175(1) and 95(1), in conjunction with Article 300. In parallel to this proposed Decision, the Commission has put forward a proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (see CNS030118) and a Regulation to implement certain provisions of the Protocol and the Stockholm Convention, which are not yet implemented by the Community legislation.