




Basic information	
2013/0266(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products 2014-2020 Subject 2.10.01 Customs union, tax and duty-free, Community transit 3.15.05 Fish catches, import tariff quotas 3.15.06 Fishing industry and statistics, fishery products 4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin Geographical area Spain	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		MATO Gabriel (PPE)	12/09/2013
			Shadow rapporteur GARCÍA-HIERRO CARABALLO Dolores (S&D)	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	REGI Regional Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date	
	General Affairs	3287	2013-12-17	
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		DAMANAKI Maria	

Key events			

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/07/2013	Legislative proposal published	COM(2013)0552 	Summary
12/09/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/11/2013	Vote in committee		
29/11/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0415/2013	Summary
10/12/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0528/2013	Summary
10/12/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/12/2013	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/12/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/12/2013	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2013/0266(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Nature of procedure	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 349-p1sub1-as1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/7/13503

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE519.787	22/10/2013	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE522.934	06/11/2013	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0415/2013	29/11/2013	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0528/2013	10/12/2013	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2013)0552 	26/07/2013	Summary	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
ESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES6209/2013	16/10/2013	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

[Corrigendum to final act 32013R1412R\(02\)](#)
OJ L 009 14.01.2014, p. 0013

[Regulation 2013/1412](#)
OJ L 353 28.12.2013, p. 0001

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Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products 2014-2020

2013/0266(CNS) - 26/07/2013 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to extend the autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for a new period of seven years, i.e. from 2014 to 2020.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to take account of Parliament's opinion.

BACKGROUND: the Canary Islands are one of the outermost regions of the European Union, for which special measures may be foreseen, pursuant to Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in order to overcome the economic disadvantages these regions suffer due to their geographical situation.

Since 1991, the European Union has suspended, partially or in full, the Common Custom Tariff duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands.

The exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands in relation to the sources of supply of fishery products which are essential for domestic consumption entails costs that are a severe burden for this sector. This is why the Spanish government has made a request for the prolongation of the measures under Council Regulation (EC) No 645/2008 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: an impact assessment was not deemed necessary. The examination of the reports by the Spanish authorities provided the necessary basis for the preparation of the Commission proposal.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: with the aim of giving a long term perspective to economic operators to reach a level of activities which stabilises the economic and social environment on the islands, the Commission is proposing **the extension, for an additional period, of the autonomous tariff quota of the Common Customs Tariff duties for certain goods as detailed in the Annex of Regulation (EC) No 645/2008.**

Measures are envisaged to ensure that:

- the suspension shall be granted **exclusively** for fishery products intended for the Canary Islands' domestic market;
- the Commission is kept regularly informed of the volume of imports in question so that, if necessary, it can take steps to prevent any speculative movement or deflection of trade.

This 7-year period synchronises the measures with other actions of the Union in favour of the Canary Islands, in particular those proposed in the context of the [Commission's proposal for a European Maritime and Fisheries Fund](#).

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal has implications for the Union budget since the duty suspensions will lead to loss in revenue of the Union's own resources estimated at EUR 9.1 million per year.

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2013/0266(CNS) - 29/11/2013 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Fisheries adopted, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (consultation of Parliament) the report by Gabriel MATO ADROVER (EPP, ES) on the proposal for a Council regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2014 to 2020

The committee approved the commission proposal without amendment.

The Canary Islands are one of the outermost regions. The exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands in relation to the sources of supply of certain fishery products which are essential for domestic consumption entails additional costs for this sector.

It was recalled that, since 1991, the European Union has suspended partially or in full the Common Custom Tariff duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands. Council Regulation (EC) No 645/2008 provided for the administration of two duty-free tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013. Unless these measures are extended, they will thus cease to apply as from 1 January 2014.

The opening of similar quotas would be justified because they would cover the needs of the Canary Islands' domestic market, while ensuring that flows of reduced-duty imports into the Union remain predictable and clearly identifiable.

In the light of the consultation of interested parties and the formal request submitted by the Spanish authorities, Members considered it appropriate to extend the existing duty-free tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for the period 2014-2020.

Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products 2014-2020

2013/0266(CNS) - 10/12/2013 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 611 votes to 10, with 20 abstentions, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (consultation of Parliament), a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2014 to 2020.

Following the Committee on Fisheries, Parliament approved the Commission proposal without amendment.

Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products 2014-2020

2013/0266(CNS) - 17/12/2013 - Final act

CONTENT: to maintain the autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for a new period of seven years, i.e. from 2014 to 2020.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EU) No 1412/2013 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Union tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2014 to 2020.

CONTENT: the exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands in relation to the sources of supply of fishery products which are essential for domestic consumption entails costs that are a severe burden for this sector.

This is why the Spanish government made a request for the prolongation of the measures under Council Regulation (EC) No 645/2008 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013.

In September 2012, Spain requested the extension of Union tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands. Tariff quotas similar to those opened pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 645/2008 for certain fishery products are justified as they would cover the needs of the Canary Islands' domestic market, while ensuring that flows of reduced-duty imports into the Union remain predictable and clearly identifiable.

Therefore, with the aim of giving a long-term perspective to economic operators to reach a level of activity which stabilises the economic and social environment of the Canary Islands, this Regulation **extends, for an additional period of seven years (2014-2020)**, the autonomous tariff quota regime of the Common Customs Tariff duties for the goods listed in the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 645/2008.

Measures are envisaged to ensure that:

- the suspension shall be granted **exclusively for fishery products intended for the Canary Islands' domestic market;**
- **the Commission is kept regularly informed** of the volume of imports in question so that, if necessary, it can take steps to prevent any speculative movement or deflection of trade.

Where the Commission has reasons to believe that the suspensions laid down pursuant to this Regulation have led to a deflection of trade for a specific product, **it may adopt implementing acts, temporarily withdrawing the suspension** for a period not exceeding 12 months.

By 30 June 2019, the Commission shall examine the impact of the measures and, on the basis of its findings, submit any relevant proposals for the period after 31 December 2020.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 31.12.2013. It shall apply from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2020.