

Basic information	
<p><b>2020/0233(NLE)</b></p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EU/Cuba Agreement: modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union</p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO)</p> <p>6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin</p> <p>6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands</p> <p><b>Geographical area</b></p> <p>Cuba</p>	Awaiting final decision

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>INTA</b> International Trade			
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	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
<b>ITRE</b> Industry, Research and Energy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union				
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
09/09/2020	Preparatory document	COM(2020)0486	
29/09/2020	Legislative proposal published	10637/2020	
24/03/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/04/2021	Vote in committee		
20/04/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A9-0129/2021</a>	
18/05/2021	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0222/2021</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2020/0233(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Nature of procedure	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	INTA/9/04110

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE658.925</a>	16/10/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0129/2021</a>	20/04/2021	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0222/2021</a>	18/05/2021	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	10637/2020	29/09/2020		
<b>European Commission</b>				
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Preparatory document	COM(2020)0486	09/09/2020		

## EU/Cuba Agreement: modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

2020/0233(NLE) - 18/05/2021 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 687 votes to 1, with 8 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Republic of Cuba pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

Following the recommendation of the Committee on International Trade, Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

As a reminder, the EU formally launched the negotiation process (under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994) with several WTO members in Geneva in October 2018.

The negotiations are based on a 'joint approach' developed in 2017 by the EU and the UK on how to 'apportion' the quantitative commitments contained in the EU-28's WTO schedule for the EU's 143 WTO tariff quotas for agricultural, fisheries and industrial products.

The basis of this approach is that the existing volume of each TRQ would be fully maintained in the future but split across two separate customs territories: the EU27 and the UK.

The principle of the applied methodology is based on the trade flows into the EU27 and the UK during a representative reference period for all WTO TRQs. The agreed methodology of the apportionment is described in detail in [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/216](#) of the European Parliament and the Council.

On 15 June 2018, the Council authorised the Commission to launch GATT Article XXVIII negotiations with the WTO Members concerned with a view to apportioning the Union's WTO tariff quota concessions.

The negotiations with Cuba resulted in an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters which was initialled in Geneva on 3 July 2020.