

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	1995/0182(COD) Procedure completed
Community Customs Code (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92)	
Subject 2.10.01 Customs union, tax and duty-free, Community transit 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		
	Former committee responsible		06/09/1995
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	PPE <a href="#">DE BRÉMOND D'ARS Georges</a>	
	Former committee for opinion		
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)</a> 1957		28/10/1996
	<a href="#">Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)</a> 1929		28/05/1996

Key events			
14/07/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0335	Summary
18/09/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
06/02/1996	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
06/02/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A4-0024/1996</a>	
14/02/1996	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0049/1996	Summary
10/05/1996	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0184	Summary
28/05/1996	Council position published	<a href="#">07080/2/1996</a>	Summary

18/07/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
25/09/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
23/10/1996	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0511/1996	Summary
28/10/1996	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
19/12/1996	Final act signed		
19/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/01/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0182(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 113; EC before Amsterdam E 028; EC before Amsterdam E 100A; Rules of Procedure EP 66_o-p4
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/4/07904

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1995)0335</a> <a href="#">OJ C 260 05.10.1995, p. 0008</a>	14/07/1995	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0024/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 065 04.03.1996, p. 0004</a>	06/02/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0049/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 065 04.03.1996, p. 0059-0068</a>	14/02/1996	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0409/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 174 17.06.1996, p. 0014</a>	27/03/1996	ESC	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1996)0184 <a href="#">OJ C 207 18.07.1996, p. 0007</a>	10/05/1996	EC	Summary
Council position	<a href="#">07080/2/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 248 26.08.1996, p. 0001</a>	28/05/1996	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1996)1248	15/07/1996	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0511/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0049-0057</a>	23/10/1996	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

[Regulation 1997/82](#)  
[OJ L 017 21.01.1997, p. 0001](#) Summary

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## Community Customs Code (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92)

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal aims to amend Regulation 2913/92/EEC establishing a Community Customs Code. It comes about two and a half years after the publication of this Regulation and is based on the experience gained from applying it in practice since 1 January 1994 (1 January 1993 for the procedure concerning the export of goods). SUBSTANCE: in addition to the transposal of certain results of the Uruguay Round into Community customs legislation (binding information on origin), the proposal contains measures adapting to new political requirements, reductions in formalities and amendments to make customs instruments more effective. It aims to further adapt certain rules governing the collection of duties to the objective of customs protection and to fill certain gaps that have since been discovered in the text that was initially adopted. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr BREMOND d'ARS (PPE), Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation and called for the amended Customs Code to be published annually together with its implementing provisions. ?

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The Committee welcomes the Commission proposal subject to the following observations: Article 1 (3) (relating to Article 12 of the Customs Code) The Committee believes that the introduction of binding information on origin under the terms of the WTO Agreement is a first move towards greater legal certainty for economic operators and is a regulatory step which will benefit all citizens. Article 1 (4) (relating to Article 18 of the Customs Code) To alleviate the burden on economic operators, it is proposed that the monthly adjustment of the rate of exchange be carried out using the same system (and the same technical means) as used in the conversion rates of customs duty expressed in ecu amounts, which already has to be done in any case. Article 1 (11) (relating to Article 112 (3) of the Customs Code) A welcome development is the provision whereby the point of reference for the calculation of customs duties is determined by the moment at which the goods enter the economy and begin to influence the economic structure. Article 1 (16) (relating to Article 212 A of the Customs Code) The Committee supports this measure for the protection of citizens acting in good faith, and points out that infringements are in any case punishable under national law. Article 1 (18) (relating to Article 220 (1) of the Customs Code) This measure is to be welcomed as a way of combatting fraud. The Committee feels however that there must be a time limit on the risk of being confronted with demands for payment of debt arrears. ?

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The Commission's amended proposal incorporated the substance of Parliament's amendments seeking to: - insert in Article 212a a clause concerning any penalties applicable; - ensure regular publication of the text of the Customs Code, together with subsequent amendments to it, to enable all parties concerned to consult it. ?

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The common position of the Council incorporated the two amendments by the European Parliament which had been accepted by the Commission in its amended proposal. However, the Council replaced the clause concerning penalties applicable with a requirement that the party concerned must behave correctly. The Council also introduced the following changes seeking to: - entrust the Customs Code Committee with the task of determining the cases in which goods derived from goods placed under a suspensive arrangement should be considered as having non-Community status; - amend Article 212a in two respects: . inclusion not only of relief but of all the privileged operations referred to in Articles 184 to 187 of the Code; . circumscription by certain conditions stipulating that relief of exemption will remain applicable only if the behaviour of the declarant implies neither fraudulent dealing nor manifest negligence; - delete the proposal for an amendment to Article 220(1) (problems which irregularities in the application of certain preferential agreements pose for proper implementation of the rules regarding subsequent recovery of customs debt); - delay the entry into force of the Regulation until 1 January 1997. ?

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The Commission accepted all the amendments made by the Council, with the exception of the deletion of its proposal to amend Article 220 (Article 1, point 18). The Commission requested that the minutes of the meeting of 28 June 1996 note that it stood by its proposal. The Commission attached great importance to the facility to take account of a sum which would probably be owed in customs duty but which could not yet be calculated as this would constitute an important tool in the fight against fraud. ?

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Parliament approved the common position of the Council without making any amendments. ?

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OBJECTIVE: to amend the 1992 Regulation establishing the Community Customs Code. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Regulation (EC) No 82/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing a Community Customs Code.

SUBSTANCE: the Regulation adopted made a number of changes to the Community Customs Code, the main aims being as follows: to take into account certain results of the Uruguay Round (e.g. binding rule of origin information), to combat fraud and, generally, to clarify the text.

DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01/01/1997. ?