

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1996/0237(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Czech Republic Europe agreement: state aids and ECSC products		
Subject 6.40.02 Relations with central and eastern Europe		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations		31/10/1996
		PPE SCHWAIGER Konrad K.	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		04/09/1997
		PPE ROBLES PIQUER Carlos	
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
25/09/1996	Initial legislative proposal published	SEC(1996)1568	
29/05/1997	Legislative proposal published	08846/1997	Summary
18/07/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/11/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
26/11/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0394/1997	
12/03/1998	Debate in Parliament		
13/03/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0164/1998	Summary
24/06/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/06/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/07/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0237(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/09109

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal		SEC(1996)1568	25/09/1996	EC	
Legislative proposal		08846/1997	29/05/1997	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0394/1997 OJ C 014 19.01.1998, p. 0005	26/11/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0164/1998 OJ C 104 06.04.1998, p. 0261-0267	13/03/1998	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 1998/711](#)
[OJ L 195 11.07.1998, p. 0021](#) Summary

EC/Czech Republic Europe agreement: state aids and ECSC products

OBJECTIVE: to determine the position to be taken by the Community within the EU/Czech Republic Association Council with regard to the adoption of the necessary rules for the implementation of the provisions of the Europe Agreement concerning State aid (i.e. Article 64(1) and (2) of the Agreement). SUBSTANCE: the provisions concerning State aid form part of the fundamental provisions of the Europe Agreement between the Communities and the Czech Republic. Their implementation is necessary in order for trade between the 2 parties to develop smoothly. The proposal for a decision, which covers all aid granted by the State or through State resources which might affect trade between the European Community and the Czech Republic, lays down arrangements for cooperation between the two parties' monitoring authorities. According to Article 2(1) of the Decision of the Council and Commission of 19.12.1994 on the conclusion of the Europe Agreement, the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council is to be laid down in accordance with the corresponding provisions of the Treaties establishing the three Communities. The Commission therefore proposes that Articles 113 and 228 of the EC Treaty, as well as Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty, are an appropriate legal basis for adopting the Community's position in the Association Council with regard to the implementing rules for State aids.

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The committee unanimously approved the draft legislative resolution which had obtained Parliament's assent to the Commission's proposal on the implementation of the provisions of the association agreement between the European Union and the Czech Republic. The rapporteur, Mr SCHWAIGER (PPE, A), welcomed Council's decision to consult Parliament, thus rejecting the original legal basis chosen by the Commission whereby no such consultation would have been needed, and stressed the political and economic importance of the proposal. In fact, harmonization of the rules for defining and controlling state aid aimed to guarantee fair trade in ECSC products between the two trading partners, while bringing the legal structures of the CEEC into line with the Community model in the area of competition facilitated the joint process of rapprochement between the European Union and the CEEC with a view to their accession. The rapporteur therefore recommended a legal basis similar to that presently being introduced in the Czech Republic for all associated countries which had applied to join the European Union.?

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In adopting the report by Mr Konrad K. SCHWAIGER (PPE, D), the European Parliament approved unamended the proposal for a decision laying down the position to be adopted by the Community within the Association Council with the Czech Republic with regard to the adoption of provisions pursuant to Article 64 of the European Agreement and Article 8 of Protocol No 2 on ECSC products. The decision has the purpose of setting up an early-warning system for anti-dumping procedures to enable CEECs to be informed from the start concerning the inquiries to be instituted.?

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PURPOSE : to determine the position to be taken by the Community within the EU/Czech Republic Association Council with regard to the adoption of the necessary rules for the implementation of the provisions of the Europe Agreement concerning State Aid (i.e. Article 64 paragraph 1 and 2). **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision No 1/98 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part adopting the implementing rules for the application of the provisions on state aid referred to in Article 64(1)(iii) and Article 64(2) pursuant to Article 64(3) of the European Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, and in Article 8(1)(iii) and Article 8(2) of Protocol 2 on ECSC products to that Agreement. (98/440/EC, ECSC). **CONTENT** : this Decision provides that the granting of state aid shall be surveyed and assessed as to its compatibility with the Europe Agreement by the responsible monitoring authorities in the Community and the Czech Republic, respectively. The monitoring authority in the Community shall be the Commission of the European Communities ('The Commission'), and in the Czech Republic the Ministry of Finance. With regard to consultation and comity, whenever the Commission and the monitoring authority of the Czech Republic consider that the award of State aid on the territory for which the other authority is responsible is substantially affecting important interests of the Party, it may request that the other Party's monitoring authority initiate any appropriate procedures with a view to taking remedial action. Both parties shall ensure transparency in the domain of State aid by providing for appropriate publications and the exchange of information on State aid policy on a regular and reciprocal basis.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 11.07.1998.?