Procedure file

Basic information

CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1998/0075(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Lithuania Europe agreement: free competition and undertakings (art. 64 1 and 2 of the Agreement) Subject 6.40.02.02 Relations with northern Europe and the Baltic States Geographical area Lithuania		

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations	PSE ELCHLEPP Dietrich	04/06/1998
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	V WOLF Friedrich	25/06/1998
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2173	26/04/1999
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2115	20/07/1998

Key events

04/03/1998	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0119	Summary
20/07/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/10/1998	Legislative proposal published	04216/1998	
16/11/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/11/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
24/11/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0437/1998	
12/01/1999	Debate in Parliament		
13/01/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0010/1999	Summary
26/04/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

23/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/0075(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/4/10521

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal		COM(1998)0119	04/03/1998	EC	Summary
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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0437/1998 OJ C 398 21.12.1998, p. 0003	24/11/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0010/1999 OJ C 104 14.04.1999, p. 0037-0057	13/01/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Decision 1999/623
OJ L 156 23.06.1999, p. 0030-0032 Summary

EC/Lithuania Europe agreement: free competition and undertakings (art. 64 1 and 2 of the Agreement)

OBJECTIVE: to define the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council between the European Union and the Republic of Lithuania on the implementation of the provisions of the Europe Agreement on competition provisions applicable to undertakings. SUBSTANCE: the competition provisions of the Europe Agreement concluded between the European Communities and Lithuania (see procedure file AVC95128) form part of the fundamental provisions of the agreement. Their actual implementation through the adoption of the rules proposed in this proposal for a decision is a prerequisite for the smooth development of trade relations between the parties. To this end the proposal: - lays down procedures for cooperation between the two parties' competition authorities, - confirms the principles embodies in the block exemption rules in force in the Community, - provides for a consultation procedure within the Association Council should disagreement arise between the authorities referred to above. The proposal also makes provision, in accordance with Article 2(1) of the Decision of the Council and the Commission of 19 December 1997 on the conclusion of the Europe Agreement (98/150/EC/ECSC/Euratom) on the position that the Community should adopt in the Association Council. It is to be laid down in accordance with the corresponding provisions of the Treaties establishing the three Communities. The legal basis for the position to be adopted by the Community in the Association Council with regard to rules of the implementation of the competition provisions applicable to undertakings is therefore Articles 87, 235 and 228 of the EC Treaty and Article 65 and 66 of the ECSC Treaty. ?

EC/Lithuania Europe agreement: free competition and undertakings (art. 64 1 and 2 of the Agreement)

The Committee endorsed unanimously the report by Mr ELCHLEPP (PSE,D) recommending to the plenary the approval of the Commission·s proposals concerning the position to be taken by the Community, within the Association Council established by the Association Agreement

with Lithuania on the rules for the implementation of the provision in this Agreement that the party shall conduct a competition policy and apply public aid in accordance with identical basic principles. The Association Agreement was signed in June 1995 and entered into force on 1 February 1998, following its ratification by the European Parliament and the parliament of the Member State. The Draft Decisions of the respective Association Council as proposed by the Commission lay down fundamental principles of competition policy, the competent competition authorities, procedures for consultation and information in cases of mutual interest and cooperation between authorities. The Association Agreement lays down that the Association Council for each country shall adopt the necessary implementing provisions by the end of 1997. Although this deadline expired at the beginning of the year, the rapporteur takes the view that it is crucial that the European Parliament delivers its opinion as quickly as possible, so that the timetable for introduction of competition rules in Lithuania can be brought into line with the timetable for the other associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe. ?

EC/Lithuania Europe agreement: free competition and undertakings (art. 64 1 and 2 of the Agreement)

The report of Dietrich Elchlepp (D, PES) supporting the proposed agreement covering competition policy and trade with Lithuania was approved unamended by the European Parliament.?

EC/Lithuania Europe agreement: free competition and undertakings (art. 64 1 and 2 of the Agreement)

PURPOSE : to adopt the necessary implementing rules for the application of the competition provisions applicable to undertakings conforming to the association agreement between the European Communities and the Republic of Lithuania. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 1999/411/EC, ECSC, Euratom. CONTENT : the provisions relating to competition in the European Agreement concluded between the European Communities and Lithuania (refer to procedure 1995/0128 AVC) are part of the fundamental provisions of this Agreement. Their efficient implementation by means of rules foreseen by this Decision 4/1999 of the Association Council between the European Communities and Lithuania influences the harmonious development of trade relations between the two Parties. To this effect, the Decision : - defines the cooperation procedures applicable between the authorities of the two competent Parties with respect to competition; - confirms the principles set out in the exemption rules by category in force in the Community; - provides for a consultation procedure within the Association Council in the event of disagreement between the aforementioned authorities. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 26.05.1999.?