

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1998/0316(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Canada Agreement: amending the scientific and technical cooperation agreement		
Subject 3.50.20 Scientific and technological cooperation and agreements		
Geographical area Canada		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ENER</b> Research, Technological Development and Energy	ARE <a href="#">WEBER Jup</a>	21/01/1999
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets <b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations	PSE <a href="#">MANN Erika</a>	19/01/1999
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Industry	<a href="#">2174</a>	29/04/1999
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2151</a>	14/12/1998

Key events			
19/11/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0664	Summary
28/01/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
16/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0134/1999</a>	
13/04/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0234/1999	Summary
29/04/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/04/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0316(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 130M; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENER/4/10692

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1998)0664</a> <a href="#">OJ C 400 22.12.1998, p. 0027</a>	19/11/1998	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0134/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0005</a>	16/03/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0234/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0021-0047</a>	13/04/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 1999/408</a> <a href="#">OJ L 156 23.06.1999, p. 0023</a> Summary

## EC/Canada Agreement: amending the scientific and technical cooperation agreement

OBJECTIVE: to widen the field of application of the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada. CONTENT: the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada entered into force on 27 February 1996. This agreement was designed to stimulate cooperation in the area of RTD between the parties in terms of research projects conducted under the Community framework for RTD, and to develop joint research projects on the basis of mutual interest (see CNS95227). In the meantime, the parties have expressed the desire to amend the Agreement in order to widen its field of application. This is the objective of this proposal to amend the Agreement, which aims to extend current cooperation to all areas covered by Article 130 G(a) of the Treaty (?implementation of research, technological development and demonstration programmes, by promoting cooperation with and between undertakings, research centres and universities?) and, only as far as networks between infrastructure operators and related research projects are concerned, Article 130 G(d) of the Treaty (?stimulation of the training and mobility of researchers in the Community"). The proposal stipulates that for Canada, these activities include all non-defence science and technology activity funded or performed by services or agencies of the Canadian government (this cooperation may include science activities funded by the governments of the provinces or territories of Canada).?

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The agreement between the European Community and Canada on scientific and technical cooperation came into force in February 1996. The Commission now proposes to amend Article 4 of the agreement in order to extend the scope of the agreement to all areas covered by Article 130g(a) of the EC Treaty. More specifically, the aim is to bring within the scope of the EC/Canada cooperation the implementation of research, technological development and demonstration programmes by promoting cooperation with undertakings, research centres and universities, in the framework of networks linking infrastructure operators and other related projects. In addition, the training and mobility of researchers in the EU must continue to be encouraged. The proposal should also lead to integration of joint projects in the context of the Fifth RTD Framework Programme 1998-2002. This programme provides for action in the areas of quality of life and the management of biological resources. This includes a key action on "farm cells" aimed at developing multi-disciplinary technologies based on the exploitation of the properties of microorganisms, plants and animals, at cellular and intercellular level, in order to gain an understanding of the functioning of cells and to develop high-value-added biomolecules and bioprocesses that help to improve the quality of life and health. Key action in the area of marine technology is also envisaged. Rapporteur Jup WEBER (ERA, L), supported by the Committee, welcomes the Commission proposal and recommends its approval by the House. ?

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Under consultation procedure without debate, the European Parliament adopted the legislative resolution by Jup Weber (V,LU), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council decision concluding the Agreement amending the Agreement for Scientific Cooperation between the European Community and Canada.?

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**PURPOSE** : to broaden the field of application of the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision 1999/408/EC concerning the conclusion of the Agreement amending the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada. **CONTENT** : on the 27.02.1996 the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and Canada entered into force. This Agreement aimed to stimulate cooperation in the area of research and development techniques between the parties in terms of research projects backed up by the Community Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development and to develop joint research projects on the basis of mutual interest (see procedure 1995/0227 CNS). In the meantime, the parties expressed the wish to amend the Agreement in order to broaden the field of application. The objective of this Decision is to amend the Agreement which seeks to extend the current cooperation to all the fields which are covered by Article 130 G, point a) of the Treaty (implementation of research programmes, technological development and demonstration by promoting the cooperation between businesses, research centres and universities) only as far as the infrastructure network users and the research programmes relating to them are concerned. The Decision stipulates that for Canada, these activities will cover all the scientific and technological activities other than defence financed or carried out by the services or agencies of the government of Canada (this cooperation may eventually include scientific activities financed by the Provincial Governments or the territories of this country). **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : the amending Agreement will enter into force on 30.04.1999.?