

Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2001/0169(CNS) Procedure completed
Excise duty: reduced rate in Madeira and Azores on locally produced and consumed rum, liqueurs and eaux-de-vie	
Subject 2.70.02 Indirect taxation, VAT, excise duties 3.10.06.08 Wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages 4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories	
Geographical area Portugal	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	PPE-DE MARQUES Sérgio	11/09/2001
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	PPE-DE LULLING Astrid	09/10/2001
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2409	18/02/2002
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Taxation and Customs Union		

Key events			
27/07/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0442	Summary
03/09/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/12/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
19/12/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0001/2002	
06/02/2002	Debate in Parliament		
07/02/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0051/2002	Summary
18/02/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation		

	of Parliament		
18/02/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/02/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0169(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 299-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RETT/5/14923

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2001)0442 OJ C 304 30.10.2001, p. 0210 E	27/07/2001	EC	Summary
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0051/2002 OJ C 284 21.11.2002, p. 0206-0299 E	07/02/2002	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 2002/167](#)
[OJ L 055 26.02.2002, p. 0036](#) Summary

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PURPOSE: To allow tax derogations on locally produced rum, liqueurs and eaux-de-vie in Madeira and the Azores. **CONTENT:** In light of the remoteness and geographical terrain of the autonomous regions of Madeira and the Azores Portugal has requested a reduced excise duty rate on certain beverages for these peripheral regions. Specifically this would apply to locally produced and consumed rums and liqueurs in Madeira and locally produced and consumed liqueurs and eaux-de-vie in the Azores. The rate may not be set at more than 75% below the national rate of duty applicable. As sales on the local market absorb the bulk of the islands' production of alcoholic beverages, a reduction of excise rates is essential for the survival of the local rum, liqueur and eau-de-vie industry. The Commission has accepted this reasoning and is therefore proposing a seven year derogation on the understanding that after 4 years Portugal will submit a report to the Commission enabling it to assess whether the reasons that justified the granting of the reduced rate still exist.?

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The committee adopted the report by Sergio MARQUES (EPP-ED, P) approving the proposal without amendment under the consultation procedure.?

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and eaux-de-vie

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Sérgio MARQUES (EPP-ED, P).?

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PURPOSE : to authorise Portugal to apply a reduced rate of excise duty on rum and liqueurs and eaux-de-vie. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision 2002/167/EC authorising Portugal to apply a reduced rate of excise duty in the autonomous region of Madeira on locally produced and consumed rum and liqueurs and in the autonomous region of the Azores on locally produced and consumed liqueurs and eaux-de-vie. **CONTENT** : This Decision authorises Portugal, by way of derogation from Article 90 of the Treaty, to apply a rate of excise duty lower than the full rate on alcohol laid down in Council Directive 92/84/EEC to the products mentioned above. The reduced rate may not, however, be more than 75% lower than the standard national duty on alcohol. Taking into account the importance of giving local economic operators the fiscal security that they need to develop their commercial activities as against the need to set a time limit on tax derogations, the derogation is granted for a period of seven years. Portugal must send the Commission a report by 31/12/05 to enable it to assess whether the reasons which justified the granting of the reduced rate still exist. **DATES APPLICABLE** : The Decision shall apply from 1 January 2002 until 31 December 2008.?