

Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2003/0027(CNS) Procedure completed
2004 enlargement, Kaliningrad: uniform formats for Facilitated Transit Documents (FTD) and Facilitated Rail Transit Documents (FRTD) See also 2003/0026(CNS) Amended by 2022/0132A(COD) Amended by 2022/0132B(COD) Subject 6.40.04.02 Relations with Russian Federation 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas 8.20 Enlargement of the Union Geographical area Russian Federation Lithuania	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	PPE-DE OOSTLANDER Arie M.	19/03/2003
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2501	14/04/2003
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Justice and Consumers		

Key events			
05/02/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0060	Summary
10/03/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/03/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
19/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0075/2003	
08/04/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0149/2003	Summary
14/04/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

14/04/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/04/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0027(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	See also 2003/0026(CNS) Amended by 2022/0132A(COD) Amended by 2022/0132B(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 062-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/19234

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2003)0060	05/02/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0075/2003	19/03/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0149/2003 OJ C 064 12.03.2004, p. 0026-0196 E	08/04/2003	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 2003/694 OJ L 099 17.04.2003, p. 0015-0021 Summary

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PURPOSE : to establish uniform formats for the Facilitated Transit Document (FTD) and the Facilitated Rail Transit Document (FRTD).
CONTENT : the Commission has proposed the adoption of a regulation establishing the FTD and FRTD for the case of a specific transit by land, allowing a third country national who needs to transit via the territory of one or several Member States to travel from one part of their country to another part of the same country. (See CNS/2003/0026). Uniform formats for these documents are proposed. These formats contain all the necessary information and meet high technical standards, particularly as regards safeguards against counterfeiting. The formats are suitable for use by all Member States and bear universally recognisable harmonised security features which are clearly visible to the naked eye. To ensure that information is not divulged more widely than is necessary, each Member State must designate a single body for printing the uniform format for FTD/FRTD. The body may be changed if necessary. For security reasons, each Member State must communicate the name of the competent body to other Member States and the Commission. This proposal constitutes a development of the Schengen acquis. Certain Member States will not be bound by its adoption.?

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The committee adopted the report by Arie OOSTLANDER (EPP-ED, NL) broadly approving the proposal, subject to a few amendments (under the consultation procedure): - bilateral border agreements between Member States and third countries should be ratified as soon as possible, so that the Regulation can be implemented under optimum conditions; - the Community should devise a solution for local frontier traffic at the Union's external borders "as a matter of urgency" before the candidate countries join the EU; - the concept of "frequent traveller" should be better defined, in order to prevent abuses and misinterpretations; - the Member States and the Commission, on behalf of the EU, should open or extend a Community consulate in the regions concerned, where required.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Arie OOSTLANDER (EPP-ED, Netherlands), making two amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 19/03/03).?

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PURPOSE : to establish the rules on uniform formats for Facilitated Transit Documents (FTD) and Facilitated Rail Transit Documents (FRTD) provided for in Regulation 693/2003/EC. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 694/2003/EC. CONTENT : Council Regulation 693/2003/EC established a FTD and FRTD for the case of specific transit by land of third country nationals who must necessarily cross the territory of one or several Member States in order to travel between two parts of their own country which are not geographically contiguous. This Regulation establishes uniform formats for these documents. The Commission will decide further technical specifications for the uniform format, such as additional security features and requirements including anti-forgery standards. The latter will be assisted by a Committee established by Article 6 of Regulation 1683/95/EC. These specifications will be secret and will not be published. They will be made available only to the bodies designated by the Member States as responsible for printing, and to duly authorised persons. The need for the incorporation of a photograph, which is referred to in the Annex, may be determined by the end of 2005. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 18/04/03.?