

Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| CNS - Consultation procedure Decision | 2003/0228(CNS) | Procedure completed |
| Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention | | |
| Subject 3.70.05 Marine and coastal pollution, pollution from ships, oil pollution | | |
| Geographical area Mediterranean Sea area | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy | | 27/11/2003 |
| | | PPE-DE JACKSON Caroline | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| Council of the European Union | RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism | | 04/11/2003 |
| | | UEN POLI BORTONE Adriana | |
| | Council configuration | Meeting | Date |
| | Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2579 | 29/04/2004 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | Commissioner | |
| | Environment | | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 09/10/2003 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2003)0588 | Summary |
| 05/11/2003 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 27/01/2004 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 27/01/2004 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0050/2004 | |
| 10/02/2004 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0067/2004 | Summary |
| 29/04/2004 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 29/04/2004 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 06/08/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2003/0228(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | International agreement |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | ENVI/5/20184 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | | |
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| Legislative proposal | | COM(2003)0588 | 09/10/2003 | EC | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A5-0050/2004 | 27/01/2004 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T5-0067/2004 OJ C 097 22.04.2004, p. 0030-0072 E | 10/02/2004 | EP | Summary |

| Additional information | |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex |

| Final act |
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| Decision 2004/575 OJ L 261 06.08.2004, p. 0040-0040 Summary |

Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

PURPOSE : to ratify the Protocol to the Barcelona convention, concerning cooperation to prevent pollution by ships and, in cases of emergency, to combat pollution of the Mediterranean. PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision. CONTENT : The EC is a Contracting Party to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention). It has also concluded four other Protocols adopted in the context of the Convention. In 1997, in the context of revising and improving the legal instruments of the Action Plan the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention adopted a Resolution on a Regional Strategy on Prevention of Pollution of the Marine Environment by Ships. The Resolution included a decision to amend the Emergencies Protocol. The intention was to broaden the scope of the agreement from simply setting out arrangements for cooperation in coping with pollution incidents to also cover working together to prevent, reduce and control pollution. On 15 January 2002 the Commission made a proposal to the Council on the signature of the new Protocol, providing the final text was consistent with Community legislation in the field. During the final negotiations, the Community was able to achieve significant further progress on the outstanding issue concerning inclusion of new elements from Community legislation on safety at sea and the prevention of marine pollution, as follows: - a strengthening of the text so that certain obligations on each Party are not restricted to requiring masters of ships flying its flag to undertake certain actions. Instead each Party must also take appropriate measures with a view to ensuring that the master of every ship sailing in its territorial waters complies with the same obligations. - progress was also made to better reflect Community law on port reception facilities for dealing with wastes; - the role of the Community in implementing international maritime safety standards was explicitly recognised in the preamble to the Protocol. As the Protocol is the result of multi-lateral negotiations, it does not incorporate all of the requirements of EC legislation at the time of signature. Furthermore, since the date of signature of the Protocol, and in the aftermath of the Prestige accident, the Community has continued its activity to strengthen and enhance its action in the area of preventing and combating pollution from ships. The Community legislation is therefore now stronger than the requirements of the Protocol. This situation is specifically foreseen and the Protocol provides for parties to have the right to adopt more stringent pertinent internal measures. The Commission will monitor the implementation of the Protocol to ensure continued consistency with the pertinent Community legislation. The Protocol should be ratified.?

Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

The committee adopted the report by Caroline JACKSON (EEP-ED, UK) approving the conclusion of the protocol (consultation procedure).?

Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Caroline JACKSON (EPP-ED, United Kingdom) approving the conclusion of the Protocol.?

Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

PURPOSE: Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision of 29 April 2004 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, concerning cooperation in preventing pollution from ships and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (2004/575/EC). Council Decision of 29 April 2004 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, concerning cooperation in preventing pollution from ships and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (2004/575/EC)

CONTENT: The Council adopted a Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution.

The Protocol aims to update the legal instruments of the Barcelona Convention, establishing provisions on the cooperation between the Parties in preventing and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution from ships in the Mediterranean Sea. It further promotes the development and implementation of international rules adopted within the framework of the International Maritime Organization.