Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2004/0205(CNS)	Procedure completed
Asylum: agreement extending to Denmark the criteria for determining the state responsible for examining applications for asylum and establishment of the Eurodac system (Regulations (EC) No 343/2003 and (EC) No 2725/2000)		
Subject 7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)		
Geographical area Denmark		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		10/01/2005
		PSE ROURE Martine	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2709	21/02/2006
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2645	07/03/2005
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Justice and Consumers		

Key events			
17/09/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0594	Summary
22/06/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/11/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
30/11/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0379/2005	
13/12/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/12/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0490/2005	Summary
21/02/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/02/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		

08/03/2006	Final act published in Official Journal	

Technical information		
Procedure reference	2004/0205(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	LIBE/6/23888	

Documentation gateway				
Legislative proposal	COM(2004)0594	17/09/2004	EC	Summary
Supplementary legislative basic document	14787/2004	21/12/2004	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0379/2005	30/11/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<u>T6-0490/2005</u>	13/12/2005	EP	Summary

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Asylum: agreement extending to Denmark the criteria for determining the state responsible for examining applications for asylum and establishment of the Eurodac system (Regulations (EC) No 343/2003 and (EC) No 2725/2000)

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the EC and Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of council Regulation 343/2003/EC and Council Regulation 2725/2000/EC.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: By Decision of 6 May 2003 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate an

Agreement between the EC and Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of Council Regulation 343/2003/EC establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national, and Council Regulation 2725/2000/EC concerning the establishment of "Eurodac" for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention.

The final contents of the Agreement can be summarised as follows:

- the Agreement consists of 11 articles in total. It also has an Annex, which forms an integral part of it;
- it makes the provisions determining the State responsible for examining applications for asylum lodged in Denmark or in another Member State by a third-country national applicable in Denmark;
- it makes the Court of Justice responsible for ensuring the uniform interpretation and validity of the provisions of the Agreement and the Regulations to which it refers;
- it confers on the Court of Justice jurisdiction to hear and determine questions referred for a preliminary ruling by the Danish courts regarding the interpretation of the provisions of the Agreement under the same arrangements as those applicable to the courts and tribunals of the other

Member States;

- it confers on the Court of Justice jurisdiction to give a ruling, at Denmark's request, on questions concerning the interpretation of the provisions governed by the Agreement, under the same circumstances and with the same effects as in respect of the other Member States, the Council or the Commission on questions concerning the interpretation of the Regulations adopted pursuant to Article 63 TEC;
- the infringement procedures established by the TEC apply;
- under the Agreement Denmark is bound to accept any amendments to the Regulations to which it refers and their implementing measures;
- the Agreement regulates the mutual obligations of the contracting parties in cases where one contracting party wishes to conclude an international agreement which affects the provisions governed by the Agreement;
- the Agreement contains provisions obliging Denmark to make an annual contribution to the operational costs associated with the establishment and operation of the Central Unit of Eurodac based on its gross national product as a percentage of the overall gross national product of all the Member States;
- the recitals of the Agreement provide for the Dublin Convention to be replaced by the Agreement as regards relations between Denmark and the other Member States;
- the Agreement contains provisions concerning its termination.

The Council will act by qualified majority and the European Parliament will have to be consulted officially on the conclusion of the Agreement.

Asylum: agreement extending to Denmark the criteria for determining the state responsible for examining applications for asylum and establishment of the Eurodac system (Regulations (EC) No 343/2003 and (EC) No 2725/2000)

This document consists of the final version of the Agreement concluded between the EC and Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of Council Regulation 343/2003/EC establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national, and Council Regulation 2725/2000/EC concerning the establishment of "Eurodac" for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention.

The text of the Protocol and the Commission?s draft decision are in accordance with the initial proposal (please refer to the summary dated 17 September 2004).

Asylum: agreement extending to Denmark the criteria for determining the state responsible for examining applications for asylum and establishment of the Eurodac system (Regulations (EC) No 343/2003 and (EC) No 2725/2000)

The committee adopted the report by Martine ROURE (PES, FR) approving the proposed agreement under the consultation procedure.

Asylum: agreement extending to Denmark the criteria for determining the state responsible for examining applications for asylum and establishment of the Eurodac system (Regulations (EC) No 343/2003 and (EC) No 2725/2000)

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Martine ROURE (PES, FR) approving the conclusion of the agreement.

Asylum: agreement extending to Denmark the criteria for determining the state responsible for examining applications for asylum and establishment of the Eurodac system (Regulations (EC) No 343/2003 and (EC) No 2725/2000)

PURPOSE: to conclude an agreement between the EC and Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of Council Regulation 343/2003/EC and Council Regulation 2725/2000/EC.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2006/188/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of Council Regulation 343/2003/EC establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national and Council Regulation 2725/2000/EC concerning the establishment of ?Eurodac? for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention.

CONTENT: This Decision concludes the above Agreement.

The final contents of the Agreement can be summarised as follows:

- the Agreement consists of 11 articles in total. It also has an Annex, which forms an integral part of it;
- it makes the provisions determining the State responsible for examining applications for asylum lodged in Denmark or in another Member State by a third-country national applicable in Denmark;

- it makes the Court of Justice responsible for ensuring the uniform interpretation and validity of the provisions of the Agreement and the Regulations to which it refers;
- it confers on the Court of Justice jurisdiction to hear and determine questions referred for a preliminary ruling by the Danish courts regarding the interpretation of the provisions of the Agreement under the same arrangements as those applicable to the courts and tribunals of the other Member States;
- it confers on the Court of Justice jurisdiction to give a ruling, at Denmark's request, on questions concerning the interpretation of the provisions governed by the Agreement, under the same circumstances and with the same effects as in respect of the other Member States, the Council or the Commission on questions concerning the interpretation of the Regulations adopted pursuant to Article 63 TEC;
- the infringement procedures established by the TEC apply;
- under the Agreement Denmark is bound to accept any amendments to the Regulations to which it refers and their implementing measures;
- the Agreement regulates the mutual obligations of the contracting parties in cases where one contracting party wishes to conclude an international agreement which affects the provisions governed by the Agreement;
- the Agreement contains provisions obliging Denmark to make an annual contribution to the operational costs associated with the establishment and operation of the Central Unit of Eurodac based on its gross national product as a percentage of the overall gross national product of all the Member States;
- the recitals of the Agreement provide for the Dublin Convention to be replaced by the Agreement as regards relations between Denmark and the other Member States;
- the Agreement contains provisions concerning its termination.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: The date of entry into force of the Agreement shall be the first day of the second month following notification by the contracting parties.