


# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	2006/0308(COD) Procedure completed
United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences	
Subject 3.20.15.06 Maritime or inland transport agreements and cooperation	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs		13/02/2007
		PPE-DE <a href="#">WORTMANN-KOOL Corien</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)</a>	<a href="#">2832</a>	22/11/2007
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">2805</a>	06/06/2007
European Commission	Commission DG Energy and Transport	Commissioner BARROT Jacques	

Key events			
31/12/2006	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2006)0869</a>	Summary
13/03/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
06/06/2007	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2805</a>	Summary
27/06/2007	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
28/06/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A6-0258/2007</a>	
10/07/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/07/2007	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T6-0304/2007</a>	Summary
22/11/2007	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		

11/12/2007	Final act signed		
11/12/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/12/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2006/0308(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/6/45376

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2006)0869</a>	31/12/2006	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	<a href="#">PE388.437</a>	09/05/2007	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0258/2007</a>	28/06/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T6-0304/2007</a>	10/07/2007	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0991/2007</a>	11/07/2007	ESC	
Draft final act	<a href="#">03660/2007/LEX</a>	11/12/2007	CSL	

### Additional information

National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

### Final act

[Regulation 2007/1490](#)  
[OJ L 332 18.12.2007, p. 0001](#) Summary

## United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences

**PURPOSE:** to repeal Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

**PROPOSED ACT:** European Parliament and Council Regulation.

**CONTENT:** Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 deals with the accession to or ratification by Member States of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. The Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences (Geneva, 6 April 1974) was drafted under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) with the aim of setting out a harmonised international framework for the operation of shipping conferences. The objective of the UNCTAD Convention was to promote a fair balance in the access to freight in liner shipping between operators from developed countries and those from developing ones. The Convention also provides for rules and procedures aiming at avoiding abuses by conferences and at favouring a dialogue between shippers and carriers. Thirteen Member States of the Community are party to the Code.

On 25 September 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006 repealing Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86. Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86 provided for a block exemption of liner conferences from the EC Treaty's ban on restrictive business practices (Article 81).

For reasons of legal consistency, the repealing of Council Regulation No 954/79 should enter into force at the moment of the repeal of the exemption from the prohibition in Article 81(1) of the Treaty in respect of shipping conferences, that is to say at the end of the two years transitional period foreseen by Council Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006 repealing Regulation No 4056/86.

At the end of the transition period, the prohibition in Article 81 (1) of the Treaty will apply to scheduled maritime transport services and as a consequence shipping conferences will no longer be allowed to operate in trades to/from the ports of the Member States. The Member States will therefore be prevented from fulfilling their obligations under the Code. At that time Member States will no longer be in a position to ratify, approve or accede to the Code. Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 will therefore become inapplicable and should be repealed at the end of the transition period provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006, that is, on 18 October 2008.

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Pending the adoption of the opinion of the European Parliament at first reading, the Council unanimously reached a general approach on a proposal for a Regulation repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Corien WORTMANN-KOOL (EPP-ED, NL) approving the proposed regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

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**LEGISLATIVE ACT :** Regulation (EC) No 1490/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

**CONTENT:** Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 dealt with the accession to or ratification by Member States of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. The Convention sets out an international regulatory framework for shipping conferences, in particular by means of rules on access to shares of trade by ship owners established in the territories of the State parties to the Convention, which serves mutual foreign trade. On 25 September 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006 repealing Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86. Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86 provided for a block exemption of liner conferences from the EC Treaty's ban on restrictive business practices (Article 81).

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At the end of the transition period, the prohibition in Article 81 (1) of the Treaty will apply to scheduled maritime transport services and as a consequence shipping conferences will no longer be allowed to operate in trades to/from the ports of the Member States. The Member States will therefore be prevented from fulfilling their obligations under the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. From that time, Member States will no longer be in a position to ratify, approve or accede to that Convention. Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 will therefore become inapplicable and is repealed with effect from the end of the transition period provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006, that is to say on 18 October 2008.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 18/12/2008.