


Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Decision	2007/0165(AVC)	Procedure completed
EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol		
See also 1995/0276(AVC)		
Subject 6.40.05.06 Relations with the countries of the Middle East		
Geographical area Israel		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		12/09/2007
		PPE-DE SARYUSZ-WOLSKI Jacek	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2853	28/02/2008
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2825	22/10/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations	FERRERO-WALDNER Benita	

Key events			
03/08/2007	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0464	Summary
12/09/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
30/11/2007	Legislative proposal published	15061/2007	Summary
05/12/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		
10/12/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/01/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0025/2008	
19/02/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		

19/02/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0036/2008	Summary
28/02/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/02/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2007/0165(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 1995/0276(AVC)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1/2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/52235

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	COM(2007)0464	03/08/2007	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	12412/2007	20/09/2007	CSL	Summary
Legislative proposal	15061/2007	30/11/2007	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0025/2008	30/01/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0036/2008	19/02/2008	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2008)1767	31/03/2008	EC	

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Decision 2008/207](#)
[OJ L 065 08.03.2008, p. 0010](#) Summary

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

PURPOSE: to sign and conclude a provisional application of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the Community and the State of Israel, in order to take account of Bulgaria and Romania's accession to the EU.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, and entered into force on 1st June 2000 (see [AVC/1995/0276](#)) that is before the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the EU.

According to the Act of Accession (Article 6 (2)) any new EU Member State, in this case Romania and Bulgaria, will have their accession to the

Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement agreed by means of a Protocol. The Protocol should be approved through a simplified procedure.

Negotiations to modify the Protocol commenced between the Commission and State of Israel in October 2006. The negotiations have now been concluded. The purpose of this proposal, therefore, is firstly, for the Council to sign the Protocol and secondly, to conclude the Protocol.

The most important aspects of the Protocol are the provisions for the accession of the new Member States to the EU-Israel Association Agreement and the inclusion of the new official languages of the EU in order to take account of enlargement. The Protocol also sets out a series of tariff concessions on imports into the Community of goods originating in Israel in particular processed agricultural products (citrus bases for preparation of soft drinks and beverages containing by weight at least 30% of concentrated fruit juices and no more than 50% of sucrose, not containing milk or milk products).

The European Parliament will be called upon to give its assent to this Protocol.

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Mr Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI (EPP-ED, PL) under the simplified procedure (Article 43, para 1 of the Rules of Procedure), recommending that the European Parliament gives its assent to the proposal for a Council Decision regarding the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

The Council document 12412/2007 constitutes the final version of the draft protocol on the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and Israel, on the other, to take account of Bulgaria's and Romania's accession to the European Union.

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

This proposal for a decision constitutes the final legal act by which the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and Israel, on the other, intend to conclude a Protocol on the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement to take account of Bulgaria's and Romania's accession to the European Union on 1 January 2007.

The decision will require the assent of the European Parliament.

The text of the protocol is attached to the proposed decision and is available in Council doc. 12412/07.

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution based on the report drafted by Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI (EPP-ED, PL) and gave its assent to the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EC and Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU.

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: accession of Bulgaria and Romania. Protocol

PURPOSE: to include Romania and Bulgaria in the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the EU and Israel.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2008/207/EC on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

CONTENT: the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, and entered into force on 1st June 2000 (see [AVC/1995/0276](#)) that is before the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the EU. It is therefore necessary to attach a new protocol to the Agreement in order to take account of the accession of these two new Member States to the initial Agreement.

The aim of this decision is to approve, on behalf of the Community and its Member States, the protocol on the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and Israel, on the other, to take account of Bulgaria's and Romania's accession to the European Union.

The text of the protocol is attached to the decision.

