



Procedure file

Basic information		
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Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products 2007-2013		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	REGI Regional Development	PPE-DE GALEOTE Gerardo	08/04/2008
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2882	08/07/2008
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	BORG Joe	

Key events			
06/03/2008	Legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0129	Summary
10/04/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/05/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
03/06/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0213/2008	
17/06/2008	Debate in Parliament		
18/06/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/06/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0300/2008	Summary
08/07/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

08/07/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/07/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 299-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	REGI/6/60555

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2008)0129	07/03/2008	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE405.822	06/05/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0213/2008	03/06/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0300/2008	18/06/2008	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2008)4439	16/07/2008	EC	

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Regulation 2008/645](#)
[OJ L 180 09.07.2008, p. 0001](#) Summary

Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products 2007-2013

PURPOSE: to suspend Common Customs Tariff duties on certain fishery products intended for domestic consumption in the Canary Islands: 2007-2013.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

BACKGROUND: due to the geographical location of the Canary Islands, the sourcing of certain fishery products intended for domestic consumption can entail considerable extra costs. In order to lessen the impact of the Canary Islands' geographical handicap, the Community has suspended, either partially or in full, the Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands. This measure is based on Article 299 (2) of the EC Treaty, which provides for specific measures to assist the Community's outermost regions. The measure is also in line with the EU's commitment to reduce, and possibly eliminate, common customs tariff duties to allow for the supply of non-agricultural raw material to the outermost regions.

In 2004 and 2006, the Spanish authorities submitted reports to the Commission on the implementation of these measures and requested the extension of these measures to cover the 2007-2013 period. Having examined the reports in considerable detail the Commission has concluded that similar tariff quotas are indeed warranted given that they cover the needs of the Canary Islands' domestic market, whilst at the same time ensuring that reduced-duty imports into the Community remain predictable and clearly identifiable. Further given that previous quotas have not been exhausted, the new quotas should be set at a lower level.

CONTENT: the Commission therefore proposes that, from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013, the Common Customs Tariff duties that apply to imports into the Canary Island of certain fishery products, will be suspended in full. The list of fish products, as well as the quantities

that apply to the proposed Regulation, are listed in Annex. The proposed Regulation will apply exclusively to products intended for the Canary Islands? domestic market only. Further, the Regulation will apply only to those products which are unloaded from ship or aircraft before the customs declaration for release is submitted to the authorities in the Canary Islands. Provision is also made for regular reports on the Regulation?s implementation. The proposal reserves the right of the Commission to suspend the Regulation, if it has reason to believe that the provisions are being abused.

Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products 2007-2013

The Committee on Regional Development adopted the report by Gerardo GALEOTE (EPP-ED, ES) approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands.

Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products 2007-2013

The European Parliament adopted, by 569 votes to 53 with 18 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands.

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Gerardo GALEOTE (EPP-ED, ES) on behalf of the Committee on Regional Development.

Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products 2007-2013

PURPOSE: to suspend Common Customs Tariff duties on certain fishery products intended for domestic consumption in the Canary Islands: 2007-2013.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 645/2008 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Regulation temporarily suspending, for specified tariff quotas, customs duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands. The purpose of this measure is to offset the natural handicap resulting from the exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands and concerns only the supply of fishery products intended exclusively for the islands' domestic market. The list of fish products, as well as the quantities that apply to the Regulation, are listed in the Annex. The Regulation will apply only to those products which are unloaded from ship or aircraft before the customs declaration for release is submitted to the authorities in the Canary Islands.

By 31 May 2010 , the competent Spanish authorities must submit a report to the Commission on the implementation of the measures relating to the suspension on duties normally applicable. The Commission shall examine the impact of those measures and, on the basis of that report, propose to the Council, if necessary, any relevant amendments to the quantities to be imported.

By 31 May 2012 , the competent Spanish authorities shall submit a report to the Commission on the implementation, after 2010, of the measures relating to the suspension of duties. The Commission shall re-examine the impact of those measures and, on the basis of its findings, submit to the Council any relevant proposals for the period after 2013.

The proposal reserves the right of the Commission to suspend the Regulation, if it has reason to believe that the provisions are being abused.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 12/07/2008.

APPLICATION: from 01/01/2007 to 31/12/2013.