


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2008/0133(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol See also 2002/0048(CNS)	
Subject 3.20.15.06 Maritime or inland transport agreements and cooperation	
Geographical area China	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	S&D SIMPSON Brian	15/07/2009
	Former committee responsible		
	TRAN Transport and Tourism		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2970	26/10/2009
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2935	30/03/2009
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2901	04/11/2008
European Commission	Commission DG Energy and Transport	Commissioner TAJANI Antonio	

Key events			
27/06/2008	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0405	
27/04/2009	Legislative proposal published	08127/2009	Summary
14/07/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/07/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
28/07/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0002/2009	
15/09/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/09/2009	Decision by Parliament	T7-0007/2009	Summary

26/10/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/10/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/11/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0133(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2002/0048(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/7/00110

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	COM(2008)0405	27/06/2008	EC	
Legislative proposal	08127/2009	27/04/2009	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report	PE412.347	22/06/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0002/2009	28/07/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T7-0007/2009	15/09/2009	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Decision 2009/825](#)
[OJ L 294 11.11.2009, p. 0010](#) Summary

EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to sign and conclude a Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: Bulgaria and Romania acceded to the European Union on 1 January 2007.

Under Article 6(2) of the Act concerning the Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania and the adjustment of the Treaties on which the European Union is founded, the accession of the two new Member States to the [Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China](#) signed in Brussels on 6 December 2002 and entered into force on 1 March 2008 shall be agreed by the conclusion of a

Protocol to this Agreement.

Article 6(2) provides for a simplified procedure, as this Protocol is to be concluded by the Council of the European Union, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and China.

Consequently, the Commission has negotiated this Protocol on behalf of the European Community and its Member States on the basis of negotiating directives adopted by the Council on 23 October 2006, and in consultation with a committee of the representatives of the Member States. The draft Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Chinese representatives in Beijing on 28 February 2008.

The Protocol provides for the necessary technical and linguistic adaptations of the Agreement that ensue from the accession of the two new Member States.

It should be noted that in accordance with the applicable procedures, the Council presented a draft decision accompanying the Protocol, stipulating that the Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, was signed in Brussels on 31 March 2009.

As a consequence, the constitutional and institutional procedures have been completed and the Protocol should now be approved.

EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted, under the simplified procedure (Rule 46(1) of the Rules of Procedure), the report drawn up by Brian SIMPSON (SD, UK) approving unamended the proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion of the Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part.

EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 558 votes 19, with 11 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion of the Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part.

EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT Council Decision 2009/825/EC concerning the conclusion of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part.

CONTENT: the [Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China](#) which was signed in Brussels on 6 December 2002 entered into force on 1 March 2008.

A Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union was signed in Beijing on 5 September 2005 and concluded pursuant to Council Decision 2008/144/EC. Bulgaria and Romania then acceded to the European Union on 1 January 2007.

In accordance with Article 6(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession, these two new Member States are to accede to the Agreement by way of a protocol between the Council and the People's Republic of China.

This Decision aims to approve, on behalf of the Community, the Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The Protocol was signed by the parties in Brussels on 31 March 2009.