



# Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p> <p>2010/0056(COD)</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Trade in bananas: tariff rates</p> <p>Subject 3.10.06.01 Fruit, citrus fruits 6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin 6.20.05 Multilateral and plurilateral economic and trade agreements and relations</p> <p>Geographical area Colombia Mexico Venezuela Brazil Ecuador Honduras Peru Costa Rica Nicaragua Guatemala Panama</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>INTA</b> International Trade	S&D <a href="#">BALZANI Francesca</a> Shadow rapporteur PPE <a href="#">ANDRIKIENÉ Laima Liucija</a>	28/04/2010
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs3073</a>		07/03/2011
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	CIOLOȘ Dacian	

Key events			
17/03/2010	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2010)0096</a>	Summary
24/03/2010	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary

17/01/2011			
20/01/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A7-0003/2011</a>	
02/02/2011	Debate in Parliament		
03/02/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
03/02/2011	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T7-0036/2011</a>	Summary
07/03/2011	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
09/03/2011	Final act signed		
09/03/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/04/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2010/0056(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/7/02527

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2010)0096</a>	17/03/2010	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	<a href="#">PE450.873</a>	07/12/2010	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	<a href="#">PE454.565</a>	10/12/2010	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A7-0003/2011</a>	20/01/2011	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T7-0036/2011</a>	03/02/2011	EP	Summary
Draft final act	<a href="#">00007/2011/LEX</a>	09/03/2011	CSL	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	<a href="#">SP(2011)2217</a>	16/03/2011	EC	

### Additional information

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

### Final act

[Regulation 2011/306](#)  
[OJ L 088 04.04.2011, p. 0044](#) Summary

## Trade in bananas: tariff rates

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**PURPOSE:** to repeal Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas.

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

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** no impact assessment was carried out.

**LEGAL BASIS:** Article 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.

**CONTENT:** the European Union concluded the deal with Latin American countries ([Geneva Convention](#)) and the [US](#) in December 2009 which settles 15 years of banana disputes. It also cuts the tariff which the EU applies to bananas imported from Latin American countries. With those two agreements, years of lengthy and complex negotiations were put to an end.

With the Geneva Agreement entering into force, it is necessary to abolish the existing applied EU Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff rate for the importation of bananas by repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas which established the currently applied rate of EUR 176/tonne.

In accordance with the Geneva Agreement, the Union will gradually reduce its banana tariff from EUR 176/tonne to EUR 114/tonne. A first cut, which was applied retroactively as of 15 December 2009, the date of initialling of the Agreement, reduced the tariff to EUR 148/tonne. The subsequent cuts are to apply in seven annual instalments with a possible delay of a maximum of two years if agreement on agriculture modalities in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is delayed. The final tariff of EUR 114/tonne is to be reached on 1 January 2019 at the latest. The tariff reductions will be bound in the WTO at the moment of the certification of the EU banana schedule.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATION:** the Agreements reduce progressively the tariff rates for bananas. It can be estimated that these measures will lead to smaller own resources as follows: -EUR 3.5 million in 2009, -EUR 74.8million in 2010, - EUR 88.1 million in 2011, and -EUR 106.8 million in 2012. These are net amounts after deduction of collecting costs by Member States. An estimate of own resources for 2009 was included because of the retroactive validity of these Agreements to 15/12/2009.

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The Committee on International Trade adopted the report drafted by Francesca BALZANI (S&D, IT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas.

It recommended that the European Parliament's position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should be to take over the Commission proposal.

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The European Parliament adopted by 501 votes to 113, with 18 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure taking over the Commission proposal.

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas, signed on 31 May 2010, between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela regarding the structure and operation of the Union's trading regime for bananas of CN code 0803 00 19.

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**PURPOSE:** following the Geneva Agreement on trade in bananas, to abolish the existing applied EU tariff rate for the importation of bananas by repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Regulation (EU) No 306/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas.

**CONTENT:** on 31 May 2010, the Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela regarding the structure and operation of the Union's trading regime for bananas of CN code 0803 00 19 was signed. After having been applied provisionally since its date of signature, the Agreement was approved by Council Decision 2011/194/EU.

In light of the new banana tariffs to be applied pursuant to the Geneva Agreement, this Regulation repeals Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas which established the currently applied rate of EUR 176/tonne.

In accordance with the Agreement, the Union will gradually reduce its banana tariff from EUR 176/metric tonne to EUR 114/metric tonne. A first cut, which was applied retroactively from 15 December 2009, the date of initialling of the Agreement, reduced the tariff to EUR 148/metric tonne. The subsequent cuts are to apply in seven annual instalments with a possible delay of a maximum of two years if agreement on agriculture modalities in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is delayed. The final tariff of EUR 114/metric tonne is to be reached on 1 January 2019 at the latest. The tariff reductions will be bound in the WTO at the moment of the certification of the EU banana schedule.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** this Regulation shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

