




Procedure file

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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade		17/01/2011
		PPE GLATTFELDER Béla	
		Shadow rapporteur ALDE RINALDI Niccolò	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development		15/11/2010
		S&D TABAJDI Csaba Sándor	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3120	20/10/2011
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3062	18/01/2011
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development	CIOLOȘ Dacian	

Key events			
09/11/2010	Preparatory document	COM(2010)0648	Summary
14/12/2010	Legislative proposal published	16198/2010	Summary
07/06/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/06/2011	Vote in committee		Summary
24/06/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0247/2011	
13/09/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/09/2011	Decision by Parliament	T7-0352/2011	Summary
20/10/2011	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

20/10/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/11/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2010/0317(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p4
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/7/04472

Documentation gateway

Preparatory document		COM(2010)0648	09/11/2010	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		16198/2010	15/12/2010	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		16199/2010	15/12/2010	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE456.789	19/05/2011	EP	
Committee opinion	AGRI	PE456.631	25/05/2011	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0247/2011	24/06/2011	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0352/2011	13/09/2011	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

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[Decision 2011/738](#)
[OJ L 297 16.11.2011, p. 0001](#) Summary

EU/Switzerland Agreement: protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. EC/Switzerland Agreement)

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: first subparagraph of Article 207(4) thereof, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the two parties, the European Union and the Swiss Confederation, aim to ensure the mutual recognition of protected designations of origin (PDOs) and protected geographical indications (PGIs) in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade, to promote quality in the food chain and to retain the value of sustainable rural development.

The present proposal is the result of bilateral negotiations, conducted from October 2007 to December 2009. The agreement provides for the mutual protection of designations of origin and geographical indications protected by the respective Parties.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/Switzerland Agreement: protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. EC/Switzerland Agreement)

PURPOSE: the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and Switzerland on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the agreement between the European Community and Switzerland on trade in agricultural products entered into force on 1 June 2002. Article 12 of the Agricultural Agreement provides that the Agricultural Agreement may be reviewed at the request of either Party. A Joint Declaration on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin of agricultural products and foodstuffs has been attached to the Final Act of the Agricultural Agreement.

The Commission negotiated on behalf of the European Union, an agreement between the European Union and Switzerland concerning the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs that amended the Agricultural Agreement by adding Annex 12.

It is therefore appropriate now to conclude the agreement on behalf of the EU.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: the first subparagraph of Article 207(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) thereof.

CONTENT: with this proposal, the agreement between the European Union and Switzerland on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products is approved on behalf of the Union.

As regards matters relating to Annex 12 to the Agricultural Agreement and the Appendices thereto, specific provisions are laid down defining the procedure for deciding the Union's position on these matters.

The text of the agreement is attached to the proposed Decision.

For further information regarding the content of this agreement, please refer to the summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 09/11/2010.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: the proposal has no impact on the EU's budget.

EU/Switzerland Agreement: protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. EC/Switzerland Agreement)

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Béla GLATTFELDER (EPP, HU) recommending the European Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products.

EU/Switzerland Agreement: protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. EC/Switzerland Agreement)

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Switzerland on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and Switzerland on trade in agricultural products.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/Switzerland Agreement: protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. EC/Switzerland Agreement)

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and Switzerland on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and Switzerland

on trade in agricultural products.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2011/738/EU on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products.

BACKGROUND: the Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2002. Article 12 of the Agricultural Agreement provides that the Agricultural Agreement may be reviewed at the request of either Party.

The Commission negotiated, on behalf of the Union, an Agreement between the European Union and Switzerland on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, which amends the Agricultural Agreement by inserting a new Annex 12.

The Agreement should now be approved on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: with this Decision, the Agreement between the European Union and Switzerland on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and Switzerland on trade in agricultural products is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The objective of the Agreement is to ensure the mutual recognition of protected designations of origin (PDOs) and protected geographical indications (PGIs) in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade, to promote quality in the food chain and to retain the value of sustainable rural development.

Procedure: a technical procedure is provided to facilitate the mutual protection of designations of origin and geographical indicators. This procedure is managed by the Joint Committee referred to in Article 6(3) of the 2002 Agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 20 October 2011. The Agreement shall enter into force as soon as the necessary procedures have been completed.