



# Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	<a href="#">2011/0090(NLE)</a>	Procedure completed
EU/Georgia Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs		
Subject		
3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock		
3.10.10 Foodstuffs, foodstuffs legislation		
6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO)		
6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations		
Geographical area		
Georgia		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade		24/05/2011
		S&D <a href="#">MOREIRA Vital</a>	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		PPE <a href="#">ANDRIKIENÉ Laima Liucija</a>	
		ALDE <a href="#">SCHAAKE Marietje</a>	
		Verts/ALE <a href="#">TAYLOR Keith</a>	
		ECR <a href="#">ZAHRADIL Jan</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">3145</a>	14/02/2012
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	CIOLOȘ Dacian	

Key events			
20/04/2011	Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2011)0223</a>	Summary
28/06/2011	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">09737/2011</a>	Summary
13/09/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/12/2011	Vote in committee		
21/12/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A7-0450/2011</a>	Summary
19/01/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/01/2012	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0004/2012</a>	Summary

14/02/2012	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/02/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/03/2012	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/0090(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 218-p7; 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/7/05904

### Documentation gateway

Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2011)0223</a>	20/04/2011	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">09737/2011</a>	28/06/2011	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">09738/2011</a>	28/06/2011	CSL	
Committee draft report	<a href="#">PE464.988</a>	25/11/2011	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A7-0450/2011</a>	21/12/2011	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T7-0004/2012</a>	19/01/2012	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

### Final act

[Decision 2012/164](#)  
[OJ L 093 30.03.2012, p. 0001](#) Summary

## EU/Georgia Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

**PURPOSE:** conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

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

**CONTENT:** the Commission negotiated, on behalf of the European Union, an Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the

protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

The present proposal is the result of bilateral negotiations, conducted from July 2007 and concluded on July 2010. The agreement provides for a mutual protection of geographical indications (PDOs and PGIs) protected in the respective Parties, in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade as well as to promote the quality in the food chain and stimulate the value for sustainable rural development.

It is proposed that the Agreement be concluded on behalf of the Union.

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

## EU/Georgia Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

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**PURPOSE:** conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**BACKGROUND:** the Commission negotiated, on behalf of the Union, an Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

In accordance with a Council Decision, the Agreement was signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

It is now appropriate to approve the Agreement on behalf of the EU.

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

**LEGAL BASIS:** Article 207(4) first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) and Article 218(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

**CONTENT:** under this draft Decision, the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The Agreement will enable the reciprocal protection of the geographical indications of the respective Parties and will contribute to the approximation of legislation among the EU neighbouring countries.

For further details on the main points of the Agreement, please refer to the summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 20/04/2011.

The Agreement also lays down:

- the internal procedure for establishing representation of the Union on matters relating to the Agreement should also be defined;
- certain tasks for implementation have been attributed to the Joint Committee established by the Agreement, including the power to amend certain technical aspects of the Agreement as well as certain Annexes thereto.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no budgetary implication for the Union budget.

## EU/Georgia Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

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The Committee on International Trade adopted unanimously the recommendation by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

The Committee recommends the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement as it presents specific assets for both partners.

## EU/Georgia Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

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The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

Parliament has given its consent to this Agreement.

## EU/Georgia Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision 2012/164/EU on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on

protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the Union, an agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

In accordance with Council Decision 2011/620/EU, the Agreement was signed on 14 July 2011, subject to its conclusion.

The Agreement should be approved.

CONTENT: this Decision approves the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The Agreement will enable the reciprocal protection of the geographical indications of the respective Parties and will contribute to the approximation of legislation among the EU neighbouring countries.

The agreement provides for a mutual protection of geographical indications (PDOs and PGIs) protected in the respective Parties, in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade as well as to promote the quality in the food chain and stimulate the value for sustainable rural development.

The Agreement also lays down:

- the internal procedure for establishing representation of the Union on matters relating to the Agreement;
- certain tasks for implementation which have been attributed to the Joint Committee established by the Agreement, including the power to amend certain technical aspects of the Agreement as well as certain Annexes.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 14 February 2012.