

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	<a href="#">2013/0266(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products 2014-2020		
Subject 2.10.01 Customs union, tax and duty-free, Community transit 3.15.05 Fish catches, import tariff quotas 3.15.06 Fishing industry and statistics, fishery products 4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin		
Geographical area Spain		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		12/09/2013
		PPE <a href="#">MATO Gabriel</a>	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		S&D <a href="#">GARCÍA-HIERRO CARABALLO Dolores</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>IMCO</b> Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>REGI</b> Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">3287</a>	17/12/2013
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>	DAMANAKI Maria	

Key events			
26/07/2013	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2013)0552</a>	Summary
12/09/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/11/2013	Vote in committee		
29/11/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A7-0415/2013</a>	Summary
10/12/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/12/2013	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0528/2013</a>	Summary
17/12/2013	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

17/12/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/12/2013	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0266(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 349-p1sub1-as1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/7/13503

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2013)0552</a>	26/07/2013	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES6209/2013</a>	16/10/2013	ESC	
Committee draft report	<a href="#">PE519.787</a>	22/10/2013	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	<a href="#">PE522.934</a>	06/11/2013	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A7-0415/2013</a>	29/11/2013	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T7-0528/2013</a>	10/12/2013	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

### Final act

[Regulation 2013/1412](#)  
[OJ L 353 28.12.2013, p. 0001](#) Summary

[Corrigendum to final act 32013R1412R\(02\)](#)  
[OJ L 009 14.01.2014, p. 0013](#)

## Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products 2014-2020

**PURPOSE:** to extend the autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for a new period of seven years, i.e. from 2014 to 2020.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Regulation.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to take account of Parliaments opinion.

**BACKGROUND:** the Canary Islands are one of the outermost regions of the European Union, for which special measures may be foreseen, pursuant to Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in order to overcome the economic disadvantages these regions suffer due to their geographical situation.

Since 1991, the European Union has suspended, partially or in full, the Common Custom Tariff duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands.

The exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands in relation to the sources of supply of fishery products which are essential for domestic consumption entails costs that are a severe burden for this sector. This is why the Spanish government has made a request for the prolongation of the measures under 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.

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** an impact assessment was not deemed necessary. The examination of the reports by the Spanish authorities provided the necessary basis for the preparation of the Commission proposal.

**LEGAL BASIS:** Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

**CONTENT:** with the aim of giving a long term perspective to economic operators to reach a level of activities which stabilises the economic and social environment on the islands, the Commission is proposing the extension, for an additional period, of the autonomous tariff quota of the Common Customs Tariff duties for certain goods as detailed in the Annex of Regulation (EC) No 645/2008.

Measures are envisaged to ensure that:

- the suspension shall be granted exclusively for fishery products intended for the Canary Islands' domestic market;
- the Commission is kept regularly informed of the volume of imports in question so that, if necessary, it can take steps to prevent any speculative movement or deflection of trade.

This 7-year period synchronises the measures with other actions of the Union in favour of the Canary Islands, in particular those proposed in the context of the [Commission's proposal for a European Maritime and Fisheries Fund](#).

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATION:** the proposal has implications for the Union budget since the duty suspensions will lead to loss in revenue of the Union's own resources estimated at EUR 9.1 million per year.

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (consultation of Parliament) the report by Gabriel MATO ADROVER (EPP, ES) on the proposal for a Council regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2014 to 2020

The committee approved the commission proposal without amendment.

The Canary Islands are one of the outermost regions. The exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands in relation to the sources of supply of certain fishery products which are essential for domestic consumption entails additional costs for this sector.

It was recalled that, since 1991, the European Union has suspended partially or in full the Common Custom Tariff duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands. Council Regulation (EC) No 645/2008 provided for the administration of two duty-free tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013. Unless these measures are extended, they will thus cease to apply as from 1 January 2014.

The opening of similar quotas would be justified because they would cover the needs of the Canary Islands' domestic market, while ensuring that flows of reduced-duty imports into the Union remain predictable and clearly identifiable.

In the light of the consultation of interested parties and the formal request submitted by the Spanish authorities, Members considered it appropriate to extend the existing duty-free tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for the period 2014-2020.

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The European Parliament adopted by 611 votes to 10, with 20 abstentions, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (consultation of Parliament), a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2014 to 2020.

Following the Committee on Fisheries, Parliament approved the Commission proposal without amendment.

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**CONTENT:** to maintain the autonomous tariff quotas of the Union on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for a new period of seven years, i.e. from 2014 to 2020.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Regulation (EU) No 1412/2013 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Union tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2014 to 2020.

**CONTENT:** the exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands in relation to the sources of supply of fishery products which are essential for domestic consumption entails costs that are a severe burden for this sector.

This is why the Spanish government made a request for the prolongation of the measures under 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 for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013.

In September 2012, Spain requested the extension of Union tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands. Tariff quotas similar to those opened pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 645/2008 for certain fishery products are justified as they would cover the needs of the Canary Islands' domestic market, while ensuring that flows of reduced-duty imports into the Union remain predictable and clearly

identifiable.

Therefore, with the aim of giving a long-term perspective to economic operators to reach a level of activity which stabilises the economic and social environment of the Canary Islands, this Regulation extends, for an additional period of seven years (2014-2020), the autonomous tariff quota regime of the Common Customs Tariff duties for the goods listed in the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 645/2008.

Measures are envisaged to ensure that:

- the suspension shall be granted exclusively for fishery products intended for the Canary Islands' domestic market;
- the Commission is kept regularly informed of the volume of imports in question so that, if necessary, it can take steps to prevent any speculative movement or deflection of trade.

Where the Commission has reasons to believe that the suspensions laid down pursuant to this Regulation have led to a deflection of trade for a specific product, it may adopt implementing acts, temporarily withdrawing the suspension for a period not exceeding 12 months.

By 30 June 2019, the Commission shall examine the impact of the measures and, on the basis of its findings, submit any relevant proposals for the period after 31 December 2020.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 31.12.2013. It shall apply from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2020.