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Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2014/0019(NLE)	Procedure completed
EU/Korea Free Trade Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol		
See also 2010/0075(NLE)		
Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations		
Geographical area South Korea		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade		22/07/2014
		 ZAHRADIL Jan	
	Former committee responsible		
	 International Trade		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	 Foreign Affairs		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3344	10/11/2014
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Trade	DE GUCHT Karel	

Key events			
31/01/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0042	Summary
06/03/2014	Legislative proposal published	06035/2014	Summary
02/04/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/09/2014	Vote in committee		
29/09/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0012/2014	Summary

20/10/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/10/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/10/2014	Decision by Parliament	T8-0037/2014	Summary
10/11/2014	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
10/11/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/11/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0019(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2010/0075(NLE)
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/8/00366

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		COM(2014)0041	31/01/2014	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2014)0042	31/01/2014	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		06035/2014	06/03/2014	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		06037/2014	06/03/2014	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE537.197	28/07/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0012/2014	29/09/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0037/2014	22/10/2014	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 2014/789](#)
[OJ L 329 14.11.2014, p. 0001](#) Summary

EU/Korea Free Trade Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and South Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: on 24 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the Republic of Korea in order to conclude an Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

Those negotiations were successfully completed by initialling the Protocol on 8 November 2013.

It is now necessary to conclude this Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 91, 100(2), 167(3), 207 and 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) as well as the Act of Accession of Croatia.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and South Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

A parallel decision is proposed for the signature and the provisional application of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

EU/Korea Free Trade Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and South Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with a Council decision, the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and South Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union was signed and applied on a provisional basis from 1 July 2013, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion.

The Additional Protocol should be approved by the European Union.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 91, 100(2), 167(3), 207 and 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) as well as the Act of Accession of Croatia.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and South Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The President of the Council shall designate the person(s) empowered to proceed, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, to give the notification referred to in Article 9 of the Additional Protocol regarding completion of the internal procedures for the entry into force. The content of the agreement is identical to that of the Commissions proposal (please refer to the summary dated 31/01/2014 of the initial legislative proposal).

EU/Korea Free Trade Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Jan Zahradil (ECR, CZ) in which it recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union (EU).

The aim is to ensure, in accordance with the Act of Accession of Croatia to the EU, that this Member State continues to fully participate in the EU-Korea FTA that remains in force.

The European Parliament's consent to this Council Decision is a mandatory component in the completion of the ratification process of the Additional Protocol, and it also contributes to safeguarding the integrity of the Union's internal market.

EU/Korea Free Trade Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 524 votes to 53, with 106 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Additional Protocol.

EU/Korea Free Trade Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and South Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2014/789/EU on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with Council Decision 2014/257/EU, the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union was signed, and has been applied provisionally as from 1 July 2013, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion.

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

CONTENT: with this Decision, the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 14.11.2014.