








Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2014/0327(NLE)	Procedure completed
EC/China Agreement on Maritime Transport: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol		
See also 2002/0048(CNS)		
Subject 3.20.15.06 Maritime or inland transport agreements and cooperation		
Geographical area China		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Transport and Tourism	 ASSIS Francisco	09/12/2014
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 ŠUICA Dubravka	
		 ZĪLE Roberts	
		 RADOŠ Jozo	
		 TAYLOR Keith	
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG Mobility and Transport	Commissioner BULC Violeta	

Key events			
14/11/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0692	
17/02/2015	Legislative proposal published	05083/2015	Summary
14/01/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/03/2019	Vote in committee		
07/03/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0168/2019	Summary
12/03/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/03/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0144/2019	Summary
26/04/2019	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/04/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		

26/04/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0327(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also 2002/0048(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 100-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/8/02020

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0691	14/11/2014	EC	
Preparatory document	COM(2014)0692	14/11/2014	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal	05083/2015	17/02/2015	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	05880/2015	17/02/2015	CSL	
Committee draft report	PE560.897	23/01/2019	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0168/2019	07/03/2019	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0144/2019	12/03/2019	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 2019/659 OJ L 112 26.04.2019, p. 0003 Summary

EC/China Agreement on Maritime Transport: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and China, 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: the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and China, of the other part entered into force on 1 March 2008.

In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of Croatia, Croatia is to accede to the Agreement by way of a protocol between the Council and China.

On 14 September 2012, the Commission was authorised by the Council to negotiate a Protocol amending the Agreement in order to take account of the accession of Croatia to the Union.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol.

CONTENT: the Council seeks to approve, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the Peoples Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

EC/China Agreement on Maritime Transport: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Francisco ASSIS (S&D, PT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and of the Member States, of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The committee recommended that Parliament give its approval to the conclusion of the Agreement.

The Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States and the Government of the People's Republic of China was signed in Brussels on 6 December 2002, concluded by the Council Decision of 28 January 2008 and entered into force on 1 March 2008.

The main aims of the Agreement are to:

- strengthen and consolidate the relations, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in the field of international maritime transport;
- recognise the importance of maritime transport services and aim to promote even further multimodal transport involving a sea leg in order to increase efficiencies in the transport chain;
- recognise the importance of further developing a flexible and market-oriented approach and the benefits to economic operators of both Parties of controlling and operating their own international cargo transport services in the context of an efficient international maritime transport system.

On 1 July 2013, the Republic of Croatia acceded to the EU. The Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia provides that the latter will accede to the agreements concluded or signed, before its accession, by the EU Member States and the Union with one or more third countries by means of a protocol to those agreements. By the Protocol, signed in Brussels on 21 December 2018, Croatia becomes party to the agreement. The Protocol defines the linguistic adaptations to the Agreement required as a result of Croatia's accession.

EC/China Agreement on Maritime Transport: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 628 votes to 23 with 16 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and of the Member States, of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to conclusion of the Protocol through which Croatia becomes a party to the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part.

EC/China Agreement on Maritime Transport: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union and the Member States, a Protocol amending the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and China, of the other part, on maritime transport, to take account of Croatia's accession to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2019/659 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and of the Member States, of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Decision on the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol amending the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, on maritime transport, to take account of Croatia's accession to the European Union.

The Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States and the Government of the People's Republic of China was signed in Brussels on 6 December 2002, concluded by the Council Decision of 28 January 2008 and entered into force on 1 March 2008.

In accordance with Croatia's Act of Accession, Croatia is to accede to the Agreement by means of a Protocol between the Council and the People's Republic of China.

On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate a Protocol amending the Agreement to take account of Croatia's accession to the Union. The Protocol was signed in Brussels on 21 December 2018. By this Protocol, Croatia becomes a party to the Agreement. The Protocol outlines the linguistic adaptations to be made to the Agreement by reason of Croatia's accession.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 8.4.2019.