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Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2015/0203(NLE)
Preparatory phase in Parliament	
<p>EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement</p> <p>See also 1995/0363(AVC)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.10.02 Processed products, agri-foodstuffs</p> <p>3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock</p> <p>3.15.06 Fishing industry and statistics, fishery products</p> <p>6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations</p> <p>6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Morocco</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade	 VAN BREMPT Kathleen	23/09/2019
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 KOVATCHEV Andrey	
		 DECERLE Jérémy	
		 FRAGKOS Emmanouil	
	Former committee responsible		
	 International Trade		22/10/2015
		 DE SARNEZ Marielle	22/10/2015
		 LALONDE Patricia	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development		
	 Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	 Agriculture and Rural Development		
	 Fisheries		29/09/2015
		 VAN DALEN Peter	

Key events

15/09/2015	Preparatory document	COM(2015)0446	Summary
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/0203(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also 1995/0363(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p4; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p7
Stage reached in procedure	Preparatory phase in Parliament

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	COM(2015)0448	15/09/2015	EC	
Preparatory document	COM(2015)0446	15/09/2015	EC	Summary

EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Morocco concerning protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products.

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: both Parties, the EU and Morocco, aim to protect geographical indications (GIs) on both sides in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade, promote quality in the food chain and stimulate sustainable rural development under the terms of the Euro-Mediterranean Roadmap for Agriculture.

Article 9 of Protocol 1 and Article 8 of Protocol 2 to the Association Agreement with Morocco, as amended by the Agreement on Agriculture, made provision for opening negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products.

Those negotiations went smoothly and the present proposal is the result of bilateral negotiations concluded on 16 January 2015.

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

CONTENT: The agreement provides for protection of geographical indications (PDOs and PGI) which are protected in the respective Parties.

For the EU, the main objectives of the Agreement are:

- to foster the protection and use of geographical indications (Morocco will protect the full list of EU geographical indications),
- to intervene in the event of any misuse of EU geographical indications.

Morocco, for its part, has an interest to foster and protect its current geographical indications on EU territory and strengthen its relations with the EU.

The Agreement also aims to promote and enhance quality production.

Joint Committee and management of the Agreement: each of the Parties has conducted an examination and public consultation on the protection of its geographical indications and designations of origin. The Joint Committee has been entrusted with certain aspects of its implementation, in particular the power to amend certain technical aspects and certain Annexes thereto. The Commission should be authorised to represent the Union in the Joint Committee.