







Procedure file

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Mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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European Commission	Commission DG Taxation and Customs Union	Commissioner MOSCOVICI Pierre	

Key events			
09/11/2015	Legislative proposal published	COM(2015)0556	Summary
14/12/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/03/2016	Vote in committee		
16/03/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0054/2016	Summary
28/04/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
28/04/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0140/2016	Summary
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Final act

[Decision 2016/979](#)
[OJ L 161 18.06.2016, p. 0035](#) Summary

Mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997

PURPOSE: to allow Croatia to accede to the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty of the European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations.

PROPOSED ACT: Council recommendation.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia contains a simplified system for accession of Croatia to the conventions and protocols concluded by the Member States on the basis of Article 34 TEU (previously Article K.3 TEU) or Article 293 EC. In fact, Article 3(4) of the Act of Accession simply provides that Croatia accedes to the conventions and protocols by virtue of the Act.

Annex I to the Act of Accession gives the list of conventions and protocols concerned in the Justice and Home Affairs area. This list includes the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations.

CONTENT: the Commission recommends to the Council that the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty of the European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations, shall enter into force in relation to Croatia on the date on which this Decision shall take effect.

The accession of Croatia to the aforementioned Convention does not require adjustments thereto. Hence this Commission Recommendation for a Council Decision is intended to only determine the date on which the Convention of 18 December 1997 shall enter into force for Croatia.

Mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection adopted the report by Liisa JAAKONSAARI (S&D, FI) on the recommendation for a Council decision concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations.

The parliamentary committee recommended that the European Parliament approve the Commission recommendation.

To recall, the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia contains a simplified system for accession of Croatia to the conventions and protocols concluded by the Member States on the basis of Article 34 TEU (previously Article K.3 TEU) or Article 293 EC. The Act of Accession simply provides that Croatia accedes to the conventions and protocols by virtue of the Act.

The Commission recommends to the Council that the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty of

the European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations, shall enter into force in relation to Croatia on the date on which this Decision shall take effect.

Mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997

The European Parliament adopted by 569 votes to 30, with 24 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the recommendation for a Council decision concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations.

In line with the recommendation made by the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, Parliament approved the Commission recommendation.

Mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 18 December 1997

PURPOSE: to allow Croatia to accede to the Convention of 18 December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty of the European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/979 concerning the accession of Croatia to the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations.

CONTENT: under this Council Decision, the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations signed in Brussels on 18 December 1997 shall enter into force in relation to Croatia on the first day of the first month following the date of publication of this Decision, that is 1 July 2016.

To recall, in accordance with Act of Accession, Croatia is to accede to the conventions and protocols listed in Annex I to the Act of Accession. Among the conventions and protocols comprise, inter alia, the Convention on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19.6.2016.