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Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2016/0383(NLE)	Procedure completed
EU/Chile Agreement: trade in organic products		
Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations		
Geographical area Chile		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade	 RODRÍGUEZ-PIÑERO Inma	23/01/2017
	Committee for opinion	Shadow rapporteur	
	 Foreign Affairs	 MATO Gabriel	
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	 MCCLARKIN Emma	
		 CHARANZOVÁ Dita	
		 HAUTALA Heidi	
		 BORRELLI David	
		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
		 AGUILERA Clara	08/03/2017
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
05/12/2016	Preparatory document	COM(2016)0771	
15/02/2017	Legislative proposal published	05530/2017	Summary
15/05/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/07/2017	Vote in committee		
14/07/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0257/2017	Summary
13/09/2017	Debate in Parliament		

			
14/09/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/09/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0352/2017	Summary
09/10/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
09/10/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/12/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/0383(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p7; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p4
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/8/08725

Documentation gateway

Preparatory document		COM(2016)0771	05/12/2016	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		05530/2017	15/02/2017	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		05551/2017	15/02/2017	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE604.625	09/06/2017	EP	
Committee opinion	AGRI	PE602.946	20/06/2017	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE606.285	23/06/2017	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0257/2017	14/07/2017	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0352/2017	14/09/2017	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2017/2307](#)
[OJ L 331 14.12.2017, p. 0001](#) Summary

EU/Chile Agreement: trade in organic products

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic 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: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Agreement between the European Union and Chile on trade in organic products was signed, subject to its conclusion.

The Agreement aims at fostering trade in organic products, contributing to the development and expansion of the organic sector in the Union and in Chile and achieving a high level of respect for the principles of organic production.

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

CONTENT: with this proposed Council Decision, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the EU, the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products.

In addition to fostering trade in organic products, the Agreement envisages the following actions:

- expansion of the organic sector in the EU and Chile;
- achieving a high level of respect for the principles of organic production, of guarantee of the control systems and of integrity of organic products;
- improved protection of the respective organic logos of the Union and Chile;
- enhanced regulatory cooperation between the Parties on issues related to organic production.

Equivalence agreement: The Union and Chile are called upon to recognise the equivalence of their respective rules on organic production and control systems as regards organic products. Accordingly, the Agreement provides that the products listed in the Annexes shall be mutually recognised as equivalent to the production of one party or the other in accordance with the legislation of one or the other parties.

Joint committee: the Joint Committee on Organic Products established pursuant to the Agreement, deals with certain aspects of the implementation of the Agreement. In particular, it has the power to amend the lists of products in Annexes I and II to the Agreement. The Commission should be authorised to represent the Union in the Joint Committee.

The Commission should be empowered to approve amendments to the lists of products in Annexes I and II to the Agreement, on the condition that it inform the representatives of the Member States. It should also be empowered to unilaterally suspend the recognition of equivalence, on the condition that it inform the representatives of the Member States prior to doing so.

In cases where representatives of the Member States representing a blocking minority object to the position presented by the Commission, the Commission should not be allowed to approve amendments to the lists of products in Annexes I and II or to suspend the recognition of equivalence. In such cases, the Commission should present a proposal for a Council decision on the basis of Article 218(9) of the Treaty.

EU/Chile Agreement: trade in organic products

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Inmaculada RODRÍGUEZ-PIÑERO FERNÁNDEZ (S&D, ES) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

As a reminder, the above-mentioned agreement, aims at fostering trade in organic products, contributing to the development and expansion of the organic sector in the Union and in the Republic of Chile and achieving a high level of respect for the principles of organic production, of guarantee of the control systems and of integrity of organic products.

By means of the agreement, Chile will recognise as equivalent all EU organic products included in the scope of [Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007](#) on organic production and labelling of organic products.

While supporting the objectives of the Commission proposal and the draft Council Decision, the INTA Rapporteur recalled the need to fully inform Parliament throughout the lifecycle of international agreements, negotiation and implementation.

In this context, the Rapporteur regretted the lack of timely information by other institutions during the negotiations of the present Agreement, and expected the Council and the Commission to redress the situation.

EU/Chile Agreement: trade in organic products

The European Parliament adopted by 556 votes to 73, with 4 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products.

Following the recommendation of its Committee on International Trade and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, the European Parliament approved the conclusion of the Agreement.

The Agreement aims to promote trade in organic products by contributing to the development and expansion of the organic sector in the EU and Chile and to achieving a high level of compliance with the principles of organic production, control systems and integrity of biological products.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Union and Chile will recognise as equivalent all EU organic production and their control systems with regard to organic products.

EU/Chile Agreement: trade in organic products

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/2307 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products.

CONTENT: by this Decision, the Agreement between the European Union and Chile on trade in organic products is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

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The Agreement also provides for a system of co-operation, exchange of information and dispute settlement in organic trade.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.01.2018.