



Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2017/0137(NLE)	Procedure completed
EU/New Zealand Agreement: modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the EU		
Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin		
Geographical area New Zealand		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade		10/07/2017
		PPE CASPARY Daniel	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		S&D GRASWANDER-HAINZ Karoline	
		ECR CAMPBELL BANNERMAN David	
		GUE/NGL MINEUR Anne-Marie	
		Verts/ALE BUCHNER Klaus	
		EFDD BEGHIN Tiziana	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3556	17/07/2017
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Trade	MALMSTRÖM Cecilia	

Key events			
22/06/2017	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2017)0333	Summary
10/07/2017	Legislative proposal published	10670/2017	
16/04/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
21/06/2018	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
25/06/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0220/2018	Summary
04/07/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
04/07/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0287/2018	Summary
13/07/2018	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

13/07/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/07/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2017/0137(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p4; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Modified legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/8/10282

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal	COM(2017)0333	22/06/2017	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2017)0332	22/06/2017	EC	
Legislative proposal	10670/2017	10/07/2017	CSL	
Document attached to the procedure	10672/2017	10/07/2017	CSL	
Document attached to the procedure	11952/2017	10/07/2017	CSL	
Committee draft report	PE620.814	20/04/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0220/2018	25/06/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0287/2018	04/07/2018	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2018/1030](#)
[OJ L 185 23.07.2018, p. 0001](#) Summary

2017/0137(NLE) - 22/06/2017 Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession 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: with the accession of Croatia, the European Union enlarged its customs union. Consequently, it was required under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules to enter into negotiations with WTO Members having negotiating rights related to the tariff schedule of Croatia in order to eventually agree on a compensatory adjustment.

On 15 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations under Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994. The Commission negotiated with the Members of the WTO holding negotiating rights with respect to the withdrawal of specific concessions in relation to the withdrawal of the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

Negotiations with New Zealand resulted in a draft Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters that was initialled on 18 May 2017 in Geneva. It is now necessary to conclude the Agreement.

CONTENT: with this proposal, the Council is called on to adopt a decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of

Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

In parallel, a separate proposal on the signature of this Agreement is also submitted.

Negotiations with New Zealand resulted in the following Agreement:

- add 1 875 tonnes to the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of bovine animals, frozen ? Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen', tariff item numbers 0202 and 0206.29.91, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 20%. The new tariff rate quota shall be 54 875 tonnes;
- add 135 tonnes (carcase weight) to the allocation for New Zealand under the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen', tariff item number 0204, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 0%. The new tariff rate quota allocation to New Zealand shall be 228 389 tonnes.

The Commission will adopt implementing Regulations to expand and manage the relevant quotas. These implementation measures are being prepared in parallel to this proposal.

2017/0137(NLE) - 25/06/2018 Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Daniel CASPARY on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

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

The present agreement between the EU and New Zealand was negotiated following the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. With the accession of Croatia, the European Union enlarged its customs union. Consequently, under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules (Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994) the EU has to enter into negotiations with WTO Members having negotiating rights related to the tariff schedule of Croatia in order to eventually agree on a compensatory adjustment.

This proposal invites the Council to adopt a Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

The negotiations with New Zealand resulted in an agreement which contains the following:

- add 1 875 tonnes to the EU tariff rate quota (TRQ) 'Meat of bovine animals, frozen Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen', tariff item numbers 0202 and 0206.29.91, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 20%. The new tariff rate quota shall be 54 875 tonnes;
- add 135 tonnes (carcase weight) to the allocation for New Zealand under the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen', tariff item number 0204, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 0%. The new tariff rate quota allocation to New Zealand shall be 228 389 tonnes.

2017/0137(NLE) - 04/07/2018 Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 565 votes to 75, with 34 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

The Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand was negotiated following the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. With the accession of Croatia, the European Union enlarged its customs union. Consequently, under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules (Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994) the EU has to enter into negotiations with WTO Members having negotiating rights related to the tariff schedule of Croatia in order to eventually agree on a compensatory adjustment. Such adjustment is due if the adoption of the EU's external tariff regime results in an increase in tariff beyond the level for which the acceding country has bound itself at the WTO.

Negotiations with New Zealand resulted in a draft Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters that was initialled on 18 May 2017 and signed on 13 March 2018.

2017/0137(NLE) - 13/07/2018 Final act

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2018/1030 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

CONTENT: the Council approved, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 relating

to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

On 15 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with certain other members of the World Trade Organisation under the GATT in the context of Croatia's accession to the European Union.

The negotiations with New Zealand resulted in an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters which was signed, on behalf of the Union, on 13 March 2018, subject to its conclusion at a later date. This agreement contains the following elements:

- add 1 875 tonnes to the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of bovine animals, frozen Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen', tariff item numbers 0202 and 0206.29.91, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 20%. The new tariff rate quota shall be 54 875 tonnes;
- add 135 tonnes (carcase weight) to the allocation for New Zealand under the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen', tariff item number 0204, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 0%. The new tariff rate quota allocation to New Zealand shall be 228 389 tonnes.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 13.7.2018.