

# Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2019/0142(NLE)
Procedure completed	
EU/USA Agreement on the Allocation of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota: opening an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef	
Accompanying procedure <a href="#">2019/0142M(NLE)</a>	
Subject	
3.10.05.01 Meat	
6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations	
Geographical area	
United States	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 <a href="#">International Trade</a>	 <a href="#">LANGE Bernd</a>	23/09/2019
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 <a href="#">HÜBNER Danuta Maria</a>	
		 <a href="#">SCHREINEMACHER Liesje</a>	
		 <a href="#">BÜTIKOFER Reinhard</a>	
		 <a href="#">BUCHHEIT Markus</a>	
		 <a href="#">BOURGEOIS Geert</a>	
		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
		 <a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	18/09/2019
		 <a href="#">DORFMANN Herbert</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">3736</a>	05/12/2019
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	HOGAN Phil	

Key events			

24/06/2019	Preparatory document	COM(2019)0297	
09/07/2019	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">10681/2019</a>	Summary
16/09/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/11/2019	Vote in committee		
25/11/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A9-0038/2019</a>	
28/11/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
28/11/2019	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0075/2019</a>	Summary
05/12/2019	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
05/12/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
06/12/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2019/0142(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/9/00613

### Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		COM(2019)0296	24/06/2019	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2019)0297	24/06/2019	EC	
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">10681/2019</a>	09/07/2019	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">10678/2019</a>	09/07/2019	CSL	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE641.378</a>	15/10/2019	EP	
Committee opinion		<a href="#">PE641.220</a>	06/11/2019	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE643.167</a>	12/11/2019	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0038/2019</a>	25/11/2019	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0075/2019</a>	28/11/2019	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Decision 2019/2073](#)  
[OJ L 316 06.12.2019, p. 0001](#) Summary

EU/USA Agreement on the Allocation of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota: opening an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef

**PURPOSE:** to review the functioning of an existing trade agreement between the United States of America and the European Union ensuring an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef into the EU.

**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 2009, the European Union and the United States concluded a Memorandum of Understanding, revised in 2014, which provided an interim solution to a long-standing dispute in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) over imports of US beef treated with certain growth-promoting hormones. Under the agreement, a 45 000 tonnes quota of non-hormone treated beef was open by the EU to qualifying suppliers. Under WTO rules the quota also had to be made available to non-US suppliers.

On 19 October 2018, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations between the EU and the United States on the functioning of the tariff quota. Negotiations with the United States were concluded on 27 February 2019.

The signed agreement, subject to its conclusion at a later date, must now be approved.

**CONTENT:** the draft Council Decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the EU and the United States on the allocation to the United States of a share in the tariff quota for high-quality beef referred to in the Memorandum of Understanding on the importation of beef from animals not treated with certain growth-promoting hormones and increased duties applied by the United States to certain EU products, which was concluded in 2009 and revised in 2014.

Under the new agreement, the existing quota will remain unchanged but 35 000 out of the total 45 000-tonne TRQ will be ring-fenced for the United States and phased in over a period of 7 years. The autonomous tariff quotas will continue to cover only products complying with EU's high food safety and health standards. This step is key to resolving a long-standing dispute between the EU and the United States on measures imposed by the EU in 1989 on US exports of beef treated with certain growth-promoting hormones. It also underlines the EU's commitment to a positive transatlantic trade agenda.

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The European Parliament adopted by 457 votes to 140, with 71 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the allocation to the United States of a share in the tariff rate quota for high quality beef referred to in the revised memorandum of understanding regarding the importation of beef from animals not treated with certain growth-promoting hormones and increased duties applied by the United States to certain products of the European Union (2014).

The European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement. It also adopted a [non-legislative resolution](#) on the draft Council decision.

## EU/USA Agreement on the Allocation of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota: opening an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude an EU-US Agreement reviewing the functioning of an existing trade arrangement ensuring an autonomous tariff quota (TRQ) for imports of high-quality beef into the EU.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision (EU) 2019/2073 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the Allocation to the United States of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota for High Quality Beef referred to in the Revised Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union (2014).

**CONTENT:** the Council approved, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the United States of America and the EU on the allocation to the United States of a share in the tariff quota for high-quality beef referred to in the Memorandum of Understanding on the importation of beef from animals not treated with certain growth-promoting hormones and increased duties applied by the United States to certain EU products, which was concluded in 2009 and revised in 2014.

Under the new Agreement, the existing quota shall remain unchanged but 35 000 out of the total 45 000-tonne TRQ shall be ring-fenced for the United States and phased in over a period of 7 years. The remaining quantity of 10 000 metric tonnes shall be made available to all other countries.

The autonomous tariff quotas shall continue to cover only products complying with EU's high food safety and health standards. This step is key to resolving a long-standing dispute between the EU and the United States on measures imposed by the EU in 1989 on US exports of beef treated with certain growth-promoting hormones.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 05/12/2019.