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Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2020/0230(NLE)	Procedure completed
<p>EU/Norway Agreement: modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union</p> <p>Subject 6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin</p> <p>Geographical area Norway</p>		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade	 WARBORN Jörgen	01/10/2020
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 BELKA Marek	
		 PAET Urmas	
		 BÜTIKOFER Reinhard	
		 CAMPOMENOSI Marco	
		 BOURGEOIS Geert	
		 MAUREL Emmanuel	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development	Commissioner WOJCIECHOWSKI Janusz	

Key events			
07/09/2020	Preparatory document	COM(2020)0479	
28/09/2020	Legislative proposal published	10643/2020	

18/01/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/02/2021	Vote in committee		
04/03/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0035/2021	Summary
27/04/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0120/2021	Summary
12/05/2021	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/05/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/0230(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p4
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/9/04088

Documentation gateway

Preparatory document	COM(2020)0479	07/09/2020	EC	
Legislative proposal	10643/2020	29/09/2020	CSL	
Document attached to the procedure	10644/2020	29/09/2020	CSL	
Committee draft report	PE658.924	16/10/2020	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0035/2021	04/03/2021	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T9-0120/2021	27/04/2021	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2021/803](#)
[OJ L 181 21.05.2021, p. 0001](#)

EU/Norway Agreement: modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Jörgen WARBORN (EPP, SE) on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and Norway relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

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

As a reminder, the EU formally launched the negotiation process (under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994) with several WTO members in Geneva in October 2018.

The negotiations are based on a joint approach developed in 2017 by the EU and the UK on how to apportion the quantitative commitments contained in the EU-28's WTO schedule for the 143 EU agricultural, fish and industrial WTO tariff-rate quotas.

The aim is to maintain the full existing volume of each tariff quota in the future, but to divide it between two separate customs territories: the EU-27 and the UK.

The principle behind the applied methodology is based on trade flows to the EU-27 and the UK during a representative reference period (of three years between 2013 and 2015) for all WTO tariff-rate quotas.

On 15 June 2018, the Council authorised the Commission to launch negotiations under Article XXVIII GATT with the relevant WTO Members with a view to apportioning the Union's WTO concessions on tariff-rate quotas.

The negotiations with Norway resulted in an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters which was initialled in Geneva on 7-8 July 2020.

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The European Parliament adopted by 686 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and Norway relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

Following the recommendation of the International Trade Committee, Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

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The aim is to maintain the full existing volume of each tariff rate quota in the future, but to split it across two separate customs territories: the EU-27 and the UK.

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