Procedure file

Basic information

AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	1994/0114(AVC)	Procedure completed
Uruguay Round (1986-1994): results of the multilateral trade negociations Amended by 2013/0086(NLE) Subject 6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO)		

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations	PSE RANDZIO-PLATH Christa	07/09/1994
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		
	BUDG Budgets	V MÜLLER Edith	03/11/1994
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	ELDR PIMENTA Carlos	04/11/1994
	DEVE Development and Cooperation	PPE CORRIE John Alexander	14/11/1994
	INST Institutional Affairs		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Health	1823	22/12/1994
	General Affairs	1806	28/11/1994

Key events

15/04/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0143	Summary
24/10/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/11/1994	Debate in Council	1806	
30/11/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
30/11/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0093/1994	

14/12/1994	Debate in Parliament		
14/12/1994	Decision by Parliament	T4-0179/1994	Summary
22/12/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/12/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/06027

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1994)0143	15/04/1994	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1028/1994 OJ C 393 31.12.1994, p. 0200	15/09/1994	ESC	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1300/1994 OJ C 397 31.12.1994, p. 0017	23/11/1994	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0093/1994 OJ C 018 23.01.1995, p. 0004	30/11/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0179/1994 OJ C 018 23.01.1995, p. 0053-0061	14/12/1994	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Decision 1994/800
OJ L 336 23.12.1994, p. 0001 Summary

Uruguay Round (1986-1994): results of the multilateral trade negociations

This proposal for a decision concerns the adoption by the Community of decisions taken during the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations (1986-1994). Following the signature of the final act of these negotiations at the sessions on 13, 14 and 15 December 1993, the final texts now need to be formally adopted by the Community. These texts are: - the agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (WTO) together with a number of corresponding annexes (multilateral agreements on trade in goods, memorandum of understanding on dispute settlement, mechanism for reviewing trade policies); - ministerial decrees and declarations on areas of common interest (e.g. measures in favour of less developed countries); - a memorandum of agreement on commitments relating to financial services; - a series of multilateral agreements (trade in civil aircraft, public procurement, milk and bovine meat); - bilateral arrangements negotiated on the fringe of the Uruguay Round (bovine meat). Not all these texts have the same legal effect because some are legally binding, while others are political commitments. However, it would appear to be preferable to adopt these texts as a whole in order to maintain the "single undertaking" format

which prevailed during negotiations. This overall agreement also includes a formal commitment by all the partners to pursue negotiations in the service sector (basic telecommunications, financial services, maritime transport and passenger transport) and in the civil aviation sector.?

Uruguay Round (1986-1994): results of the multilateral trade negociations

The committee adopted the draft report by Mrs Christa RANDZIO-PLATH (PSE, D) on the Council proposal concerning the conclusion of the results of the Uruguay Round negotiations. The rapporteur recommended that the EP give its approval. Thus, the results of the negotiations could be considered to be balanced as a whole for the European Union. The reduction in the customs duties applied by the Union's main partners together with the opening up of services markets would provide new incentives for economic growth and employment since at global level the financial volume was estimated at $200 billion per year. The European Union was the main partner in world trade and would benefit as a result. The concessions that the Union made, in adopting the Final Act, in the area of textiles products were accompanied by substantial improvements in the areas of the protection of intellectual property and investment measures linked to trade. The chairman, Mr Willy DE CLERCQ, took this opportunity to emphasise that the ratification of the GATT agreements by the EP would be an important act that would influence the development of global trade and contribute to the creation of employment and economic growth. In this sense, he praised the work of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the rapporteur and the committee's secretariat, which had enabled the ratification to take place during the last sitting of the year. The committee approved a motion for a resolution at the end of the debate on two oral questions put by the Members DE CLERCQ, RANDZIO-PLATH et KITTELMANN on the conclusion of the Uruguay Round and the future activities of the WTO. This latter motion for a resolution referred to the need for joint action by the Union within the framework of the WTO and called on the Member States to recognise the Commission as the sole representative of the Union in all the WTO's areas of activity. With regard to the implementing measures for the forecasts for the agreements within the Union, the REX Committee examined two draft reports by Mrs RANDZIO-PLATH concerning the regulations on the implementing legislation of the Uruguay Round. It was envisaged that the REX Committee would vote on these measures on 6 December. ?

Uruguay Round (1986-1994): results of the multilateral trade negociations

Parliament approved the conclusion of the Final Act concerning the results of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations. ?

Uruguay Round (1986-1994): results of the multilateral trade negociations

OBJECTIVE: adoption by the Community of the decisions taken within the framework of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations (1986-1994). COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 94/800/EC concerning the conclusion on behalf of the Community, as regards matters within its competence, of the agreements reached within the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations. SUBSTANCE: Following the signature of the Final Act of the Uruguay Round negotiations on 15 April 1994 in Marrakech, this decision aims to adopt the Community texts corresponding to the agreements concluded in the multilateral framework. These texts relate to: . the agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (WTO) together with a number of corresponding annexes (multilateral agreements on trade in goods, general agreement on trade in services and agreement on the aspects of intellectual property rights that affect trade, dispute settlement understanding, mechanism for reviewing trade policies); . a series of special plurilateral agreements concerning public procurement, milk and bovine meat. ?