


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1994/0181(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Latvia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters		
Subject 6.40.02.02 Relations with northern Europe and the Baltic States		
Geographical area Latvia		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RELA External Economic Relations		07/09/1994
		PPE SCHWAIGER Konrad K.	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		04/10/1994
	V SCHROEDTER Elisabeth		
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		
	TRAN Transport and Tourism		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	1989	24/02/1997
	General Affairs	1820	19/12/1994
	General Affairs	1778	18/07/1994

Key events			
13/07/1994	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0326	
14/07/1994	Legislative proposal published	08435/1994	Summary
14/09/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/11/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
03/11/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0046/1994	
18/11/1994	Debate in Parliament		
18/11/1994	Decision by Parliament	T4-0157/1994	Summary

19/12/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/12/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/0181(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 163; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2; EC before Amsterdam E 113
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/05918

Documentation gateway

Initial legislative proposal		COM(1994)0326	13/07/1994	EC	
Legislative proposal		08435/1994	14/07/1994	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0046/1994 OJ C 341 05.12.1994, p. 0004	03/11/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0157/1994 OJ C 341 05.12.1994, p. 0202-0256	18/11/1994	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 1994/976](#)
[OJ L 374 31.12.1994, p. 0001](#) Summary

EC/Latvia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters

This proposal for a decision aimed to conclude an agreement between the European Communities and Latvia on the liberalisation of trade and the establishment of accompanying measures. This agreement amended the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation. The liberalisation agreement included the following elements: - a clause on human rights and encouragement for regional cooperation between Baltic countries; - the creation of a free trade area for industrial products: the European Union abolished all customs duties on imports and exports as well as quantitative restrictions from the date on which the agreement entered into force. In return, Latvia abolished all trade restrictions for most of the products covered by the agreement on the same date, although it maintained restrictions for sensitive products for four years; - trade in textile products was governed by specific provisions. With regard to tariffs, the European Union consolidated the GSP for Latvia. The quantitative aspects were governed by protocols annexed to the decision; - the concessions granted by both parties for sensitive products, such as agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fisheries products, were dealt with in separate annexes and protocols; - the rules of origin and provisions concerning customs cooperation were brought together in separate protocols; - the joint committee established by the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation was responsible for administering this agreement. The liberalisation agreement would enter into force on 1 January 1995. ?

EC/Latvia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters

The REX Committee adopted the three reports concerning the agreements on free trade and trade-related matters between the Union and the

Baltic countries. The rapporteurs believed that Parliament should approve the reports since they encouraged regional cooperation as well as cooperation with the European Union. They also promoted the rapprochement of these countries with the European Union from a political, economic and cultural point of view. The agreements also took account of the political aspects involved by calling for a guarantee of respect for human rights and the protection of non-Baltic minorities. ?

EC/Latvia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters

The European Parliament approved the conclusion of the agreement. ?

EC/Latvia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters

The Council adopted a decision aimed at concluding an agreement between the European Communities and Latvia on the liberalisation of trade and the establishment of accompanying measures. This agreement amended the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation. The liberalisation agreement included the following elements: - a clause on human rights and encouragement for regional cooperation between Baltic countries; - the creation of a free trade area for industrial products: the European Union abolished all customs duties on imports and exports as well as quantitative restrictions from 1 January 1995. In return, Latvia abolished all trade restrictions for most of the products covered by the agreement on the same date, although it maintained restrictions for sensitive products for four years; - trade in textile products was governed by specific provisions; - with regard to tariffs, the European Union consolidated the GSP for Latvia. The quantitative aspects were governed by protocols annexed to the decision; - the concessions granted by both parties for sensitive products, such as agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fisheries products, were dealt with in separate annexes and protocols; - the rules of origin and provisions concerning customs cooperation were brought together in separate protocols; - the joint committee established by the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation was responsible for administering this agreement. The liberalisation agreement was concluded for an unlimited duration and would enter into force on 1 January 1995 as long as all the necessary notification procedures had been completed on time by each of the parties. ?