

# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1994/0184(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/Estonia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters	
Subject 6.40.02.02 Relations with northern Europe and the Baltic States	
Geographical area Estonia	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		07/09/1994
		PPE <a href="#">SCHWAIGER Konrad K.</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		14/09/1994
	ARE <a href="#">VANDEMEULEBROUCKE</a> <a href="#">Jaak H.-A.</a>		
	<b>ENER</b> Research, Technological Development and Energy		
	<b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1989</a>	24/02/1997
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1820</a>	19/12/1994
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1778</a>	18/07/1994

Key events			
14/07/1994	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">08434/1994</a>	Summary
15/07/1994	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0330	
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	<a href="#">A4-0045/1994</a>	
18/11/1994	Debate in Parliament		

18/11/1994	Decision by Parliament	T4-0156/1994	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	1994/0184(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3; EC before Amsterdam E 113; Rules of Procedure EP 163
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/05910

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">08434/1994</a>	14/07/1994	CSL	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(1994)0330	15/07/1994	EC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0045/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 341 05.12.1994, p. 0003</a>	03/11/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0156/1994 <a href="#">OJ C 341 05.12.1994, p. 0202-0256</a>	18/11/1994	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

<a href="#">Decision 1994/974</a> <a href="#">OJ L 373 31.12.1994, p. 0001</a> Summary
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## EC/Estonia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters

This proposal for a decision was aimed at concluding an agreement between the European Communities and Estonia 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 of the entry into force of the decision. In return, Estonia, which applied scarcely any trade restrictions, ensured reciprocity from the entry into force of the agreement; - trade in textile products was governed by specific provisions. With regard to tariffs, Estonia would benefit from zero duty on all textile products. 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/Estonia 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. ?

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The European Parliament approved the conclusion of the agreement. ?

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OBJECTIVE: to conclude an agreement on free trade and trade-related matters with Estonia. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 974/94/EC aimed at concluding an agreement on free trade and trade-related matters with Estonia. SUBSTANCE: Through this decision, the Community is concluding an agreement between the European Communities and Estonia on the liberalisation of trade and the establishment of accompanying measures. This agreement amends the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation. The liberalisation agreement includes 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 abolishes all customs duties on imports and exports as well as quantitative restrictions from the date of the entry into force of the decision. In return, Estonia, which applies scarcely any trade restrictions, ensures reciprocity from the entry into force of the agreement; - trade in textile products is governed by specific provisions. With regard to tariffs, Estonia will benefit from zero duty on all textile products. The quantitative aspects are 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, are dealt with in separate annexes and protocols; - the rules of origin and provisions concerning customs cooperation are brought together in separate protocols; - the joint committee established by the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation is responsible for administering this agreement. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 January 1995, as long as all the necessary notification procedures have been completed on time by each of the parties. If not, the agreement will enter into force on the first day of the month following the approval of all the parties concerned. ?