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Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2021/0029(NLE)	Procedure completed
EU/Australia 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		
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		
6.40.11 Relations with industrialised countries		
Geographical area		
Australia		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 International Trade		11/02/2021
		 CASPARY Daniel	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 SILVA PEREIRA Pedro	
		 KARLSBRO Karin	
		 CAVAZZINI Anna	
		 LANCINI Danilo Oscar	
		 ZAHRADIL Jan	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Council of the European Union European Commission	 Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development	Commissioner WOJCIECHOWSKI Janusz	

Key events			
10/02/2021	Preparatory document	COM(2021)0052	
26/02/2021	Legislative proposal published	06102/2021	
07/10/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/10/2021	Vote in committee		
05/11/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0306/2021	
11/11/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0450/2021	Summary
16/12/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		
17/12/2021	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2021/0029(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/9/05351

Documentation gateway					
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2021)0051	10/02/2021	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2021)0052	10/02/2021	EC	
Legislative proposal		06102/2021	26/02/2021	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE689.579	10/03/2021	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0306/2021	05/11/2021	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0450/2021	11/11/2021	EP	Summary

Final act
Decision 2021/2234 OJ L 452 16.12.2021, p. 0001

EU/Australia 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 European Parliament adopted by 451 votes to 53, with 62 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an

Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Commonwealth of Australia pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 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 Committee on International Trade, Parliament gave 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 allocate the quantitative commitments contained in the EU-28's WTO schedule for the EU's 143 WTO tariff-rate quotas for agricultural, fisheries and industrial products.

The principle of the applied methodology is based on the trade flows in the EU-27 and the UK over a representative reference period (of three years between 2013 and 2015) for all WTO tariff-rate quotas. The agreed methodology of the apportionment is described in detail in Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

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

Australia has negotiating rights for 14 tariff quotas and consultation rights for 6 tariff quotas. Negotiations with Australia resulted in an agreement that was initialled on 18 December 2020 in Geneva.