

Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2022/0257(NLE)	Awaiting final decision
EU/Korea Free Trade Agreement		
Amending Decision 2015/2169	2010/0075(NLE)	
Subject	6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations	
Geographical area	South Korea	

Key players			
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02/09/2022	Preparatory document	COM(2022)0435	Summary
13/10/2022	Legislative proposal published	12600/2022	Summary
17/10/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/11/2022	Vote in committee		
17/11/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0277/2022	

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2022/0257(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 2015/2169 2010/0075(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 091; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 100-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 167-p3; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	INTA/9/10031

Documentation gateway					
Preparatory document		COM(2022)0435	02/09/2022	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		12600/2022	13/10/2022	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE737.345	17/10/2022	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0277/2022	17/11/2022	EP	
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EU/Korea Free Trade Agreement

PURPOSE: to amend Decision (EU) 2015/2169 on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: on 1 October 2015, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2015/2169 on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part.

The Protocol on Cultural Cooperation annexed to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Korea, sets up the framework within which the Parties are to cooperate for the facilitation of exchanges regarding cultural activities, goods and services, including in the audiovisual sector.

The Protocol includes provisions on an entitlement to audiovisual co-productions to benefit from the respective schemes.

Pursuant to Article 5(8), point (b), of the Protocol, following the initial period of three years the entitlement will be renewed for further successive periods of the same duration, unless a Party terminates the entitlement by giving notice in writing at least three months before the expiry of the initial or any subsequent period.

In accordance with Article 3(1) of Decision (EU) 2015/2169, the Commission is to provide notice to Korea of the Union's intention not to extend the period of entitlement to co-production pursuant to Article 5 of the Protocol following the procedure set out in Article 5(8), point (b), of the Protocol unless, on a proposal from the Commission, the Council unanimously agrees four months before the end of the period of entitlement to continue the entitlement.

By judgement of 1 March 2022 in case Commission v Council, the Court of Justice decided that the procedure established in Article 3(1) of Decision (EU) 2015/2169 does not comply with Article 218 TFEU in so far as it requires the Council to vote by unanimity. The applicable voting rule for the adoption of decisions as those envisaged by Article 3(1) of Decision (EU) 2015/2169 had to be that laid down in Article 218(8), first subparagraph, TFEU, namely qualified majority voting in the Council.

CONTENT: therefore, the Commission calls for Decision (EU) 2015/2169 on the conclusion of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement to be amended so that the requirement that the Council act by unanimity for the purpose of deciding on the continuation of the entitlement be

deleted.

In order to implement the judgement expeditiously, the proposed Decision should enter into force on the day of its adoption.

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After the initial period of three years, the above-mentioned right will be reopened for further successive periods of the same duration, unless a Party terminates it by giving written notice at least three months before the expiry of the initial or any subsequent period.

In accordance with Article 3(1) of Decision (EU) 2015/2169, the Commission is to provide notice to the Republic of Korea of the Unions intention not to extend the period of entitlement to co-production unless, on a proposal from the Commission, the Council unanimously agrees four months before the end of the period of entitlement to continue the entitlement.

In its judgment of 1 March 2022 in Case C-275/20, Commission v Council, the Court of Justice ruled that the procedure laid down in Article 3(1) of Decision (EU) 2015/2169 does not comply with Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) insofar as it requires the Council to vote by unanimity. The applicable voting rule for the adoption of decisions such as those envisaged by Article 3(1) of Decision (EU) 2015/2169 should be qualified majority voting in the Council.

CONTENT: the Council's draft aims to amend Decision (EU) 2015/2169 on the conclusion of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement so that the requirement for the Council to act unanimously to decide to extend the period of application of the duty is removed.