EU/Chile Agreement: trade in organic products

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The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Inmaculada RODRÍGUEZ-PIÑERO FERNÁNDEZ (S&D, ES) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

As a reminder, the above-mentioned agreement, aims at fostering trade in organic products, contributing to the development and expansion of the organic sector in the Union and in the Republic of Chile and achieving a high level of respect for the principles of organic production, of guarantee of the control systems and of integrity of organic products.

By means of the agreement, Chile will recognise as equivalent all EU organic products included in the scope of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

While supporting the objectives of the Commission proposal and the draft Council Decision, the INTA Rapporteur recalled the need to fully inform Parliament throughout the lifecycle of international agreements, negotiation and implementation.

In this context, the Rapporteur regretted the lack of timely information by other institutions during the negotiations of the present Agreement, and expected the Council and the Commission to redress the situation.