EC/Chile Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

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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, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Third Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The committee recommended that Parliament **give its consent** to the conclusion of the protocol.

As outlined in the explanatory memorandum accompanying the report, this Protocol adds a maximum of 1000 metric tonnes of pig meat to the existing 8400 tonnes (following standard calculations on compensations), updates to the schedule on services for integrating the schedule for Croatia and adjusts public procurement to integrate Croatian entities.

However, the rapporteur called for:

- enhanced information sharing with the Committee on International Trade (INTA) throughout full life-cycle of international agreements;
- the relevant Commission services to prepare summaries containing information explaining to the general public and stakeholders the effects of international agreements such as this one;
- limit the use of provisional application prior to Parliament’s consent, as provided for in Article 218 (5) of the TFEU.