EU/Norway 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

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The European Parliament adopted by 686 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and Norway 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 International Trade Committee, Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

On 15 June 2018, the Council authorised the Commission to launch GATT Article XXVIII negotiations with the relevant WTO members with a view to apportioning the Union's WTO concessions on tariff quota concessions.

The aim is to maintain the full existing volume of each tariff rate quota in the future, but to split it across two separate customs territories: the EU-27 and the UK.

Negotiations with Norway resulted in an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters which was initialled in Geneva on 7-8 July 2020.