Basic information

1993/1206(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC/Czech Republic Europe agreement **Subject** 6.40.02 Relations with central and eastern Europe **Geographical area** Czechia	

Key players

Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	General Affairs	1820	1994-12-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/07/1993	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0386	
28/09/1993	Legislative proposal published	08456/1993	Summary
13/10/1993	Vote in committee		Summary
25/10/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/10/1993	Debate in Parliament		
19/12/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/12/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1993/1206(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 101 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a2 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 238 ECSC Treaty C 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/3/04968

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	**Committee**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A3-0297/1993 OJ C 315 22.11.1993, p. 0004	13/10/1993	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0537/1993 OJ C 315 22.11.1993, p. 0071-0104	27/10/1993	
Council of the EU				
Document type		**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Legislative proposal		08456/1993	28/09/1993	Summary
European Commission				
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Initial legislative proposal		COM(1993)0386	28/07/1993	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 1994/0910 OJ L 360 31.12.1994, p. 0001	Summary

EC/Czech Republic Europe agreement

1993/1206(AVC) - 19/12/1994 - Final act

The Council approved this decision concerning the conclusion of a new association agreement (or Europe agreement) between the EEC, ECSC, Euratom and the Czech Republic, following the partition of the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic into two separate republics. It was a mixed agreement covering areas of Community and national responsibility, concluded for an unlimited period. It aimed essentially to establish a free trade area between the Community and its Member States and the Czech Republic. It included for the first time political dialogue and increased cultural cooperation. It also included a clause on respect for democratic principles, human rights and minorities as well as respect for the principle of the market economy as key elements of association. The agreement had as a framework the future accession of the Czech Republic to the European Community. In particular, the agreement provided for: - a transitional period of 10 years consisting of two periods of five years, - the creation of a free trade area covering all products with a mutual yet asymmetrical liberalisation process between the parties, - separate protocols for sensitive products (textiles, coal and steel, and processed agricultural products), - the improvement of the situation of Czech workers residing legally in the Community, - national treatment with regard to free establishment and the provision of services by Czech operators operating in the Community, - the liberalisation of the movement of capital and payments and the harmonisation of legislation, - increased financial cooperation through the allocation of non-refundable aid (e.g. Phare), EIB loans or actions providing technical macro-economic assistance, - an association council meeting at least once a year which would

have certain decision-making powers. The agreement could be suspended at any moment for so-called "special emergency" reasons (the cases of "special emergency" were set out in the annex). This agreement replaced the former economic and trade cooperation agreement concluded between the Community and the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic (CSFR), signed on 7 May 1990, as well as the protocol between the ECSC and the CSFR signed on 28 June 1991 before the entry into force of the present agreement. Following the conclusion of the ratification procedures by the contracting parties, this agreement entered into force on 1 January 1995.

EC/Czech Republic Europe agreement

1993/1206(AVC) - 28/09/1993 - Legislative proposal

This proposal for a decision sought the conclusion of a new association agreement between the European Community and the Czech Republic, following the partition of the former Czech and Slovak Federative Republic into two independent republics. The new agreement essentially retained the text of the old association agreement concluded in 1992, but with the following differences: - addition of a new paragraph requiring respect for 'human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities'; - addition of an article confirming that respect for democratic principles and human rights and the principles of free market economy constitute essential elements of the association; - adaptation of the previous agreement's non-exclusion clause and provision for the agreement to be suspended immediately in the event of 'special urgency'; - breakdown between the two new states of the quantitative trade concessions set in the old agreement; - adaptation of the rules of origin to take account of the existence of two republics and allow for the appropriate totals for the Visegrad countries; - addition of a new protocol on transit guaranteeing that dissolution of the former Czechoslovakia will not have undesirable repercussions on the provisions contained in this new agreement; - addition of a joint declaration clarifying the 'cases of special urgency' envisaged in the new agreement.