Basic information

1994/0184(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Estonia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters **Subject** 6.40.02.02 Relations with northern Europe and the Baltic States **Geographical area** Estonia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	SCHWAIGER Konrad K. (PPE)	07/09/1994

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	VANDEMEULEBROUCKE Jaak H.-A. (ARE)	14/09/1994
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		
TRAN Transport and Tourism		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1778	1994-07-18
General Affairs	1820	1994-12-19
General Affairs	1989	1997-02-24

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/07/1994	Legislative proposal published	08434/1994	Summary
15/07/1994	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0330	

14/09/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/11/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
03/11/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0045/1994	
18/11/1994	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	1994/0184(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 170 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 113
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/05910

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0045/1994 OJ C 341 05.12.1994, p. 0003	03/11/1994	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0156/1994 OJ C 341 05.12.1994, p. 0202-0256	18/11/1994	Summary

Council of the EU

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Legislative proposal	08434/1994	14/07/1994	Summary

European Commission

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Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 1994/0974 OJ L 373 31.12.1994, p. 0001	Summary

EC/Estonia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters

1994/0184(CNS) - 14/07/1994 - Legislative proposal

This proposal for a decision was aimed at concluding an agreement between the European Communities and Estonia on the liberalisation of trade and the establishment of accompanying measures. This agreement amended the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation. The liberalisation agreement included the following elements: - a clause on human rights and encouragement for regional cooperation between Baltic countries; - the creation of a free trade area for industrial products: the European Union abolished all customs duties on imports and exports as well as quantitative restrictions from the date of the entry into force of the decision. In return, Estonia, which applied scarcely any trade restrictions, ensured reciprocity from the entry into force of the agreement; - trade in textile products was governed by specific provisions. With regard to tariffs, Estonia would benefit from zero duty on all textile products. The quantitative aspects were governed by protocols annexed to the decision; - the concessions granted by both parties for sensitive products, such as agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fisheries products, were dealt with in separate annexes and protocols; - the rules of origin and provisions concerning customs cooperation were brought together in separate protocols; - the joint committee established by the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation was responsible for administering this agreement. The liberalisation agreement would enter into force on 1 January 1995.

EC/Estonia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters

1994/0184(CNS) - 18/11/1994 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament approved the conclusion of the agreement.

EC/Estonia agreement: agreement on trade and trade-related matters

1994/0184(CNS) - 19/12/1994 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to conclude an agreement on free trade and trade-related matters with Estonia. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 974/94/EC aimed at concluding an agreement on free trade and trade-related matters with Estonia. SUBSTANCE: Through this decision, the Community is concluding an agreement between the European Communities and Estonia on the liberalisation of trade and the establishment of accompanying measures. This agreement amends the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation. The liberalisation agreement includes the following elements: - a clause on human rights and encouragement for regional cooperation between Baltic countries; - the creation of a free trade area for industrial products: the European Union abolishes all customs duties on imports and exports as well as quantitative restrictions from the date of the entry into force of the decision. In return, Estonia, which applies scarcely any trade restrictions, ensures reciprocity from the entry into force of the agreement; - trade in textile products is governed by specific provisions. With regard to tariffs, Estonia will benefit from zero duty on all textile products. The quantitative aspects are governed by protocols annexed to the decision; - the concessions granted by both parties for sensitive products, such as agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fisheries products, are dealt with in separate annexes and protocols; - the rules of origin and provisions concerning customs cooperation are brought together in separate protocols; - the joint committee established by the 1992 agreement on trade and economic and commercial cooperation is responsible for administering this agreement. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 January 1995, as long as all the necessary notification procedures have been completed on time by each of the parties. If not, the agreement will enter into force on the first day of the month following the approval of all the parties concerned.