Basic information

1995/0813(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC/Turkey: negotiation and conclusion of an agreement on the Customs Union **Subject** 6.40.05.08 Relations with Türkiye **Geographical area** Türkiye	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	CARNERO GONZÁLEZ Carlos (GUE/NGL)	21/03/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	SCHWAIGER Konrad K. (PPE)	11/04/1995
LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	SCHULZ Martin (PSE)	17/07/1995

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1827	1995-02-06
General Affairs	1830	1995-03-06
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	1782	1994-09-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/02/1995	Debate in Council		
28/04/1995	Initial legislative proposal published	SEC(1995)0541	
09/06/1995	Legislative proposal published	07092/1995	Summary
10/07/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/12/1995	Modified legislative proposal published	07092/2/1995	

11/12/1995	Vote in committee		
11/12/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0322/1995	
13/12/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
22/12/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/12/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/02/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0813(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 238
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/06813

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0322/1995 OJ C 017 22.01.1996, p. 0016	11/12/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0596/1995 OJ C 017 22.01.1996, p. 0035-0043	13/12/1995	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	07092/1995	09/06/1995	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	07093/1995	09/06/1995	
Modified legislative proposal	07092/2/1995	06/12/1995	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	SEC(1995)0541	28/04/1995	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date

European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Decision 1996/0213 OJ L 035 13.02.1996, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Turkey: negotiation and conclusion of an agreement on the Customs Union

1995/0813(AVC) - 09/06/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: implementation of the final stage of the Customs Union with Turkey. SUBSTANCE: on 6 March 1995, the EC-Turkey Association Council gave its agreement in principle on the decision implementing the final phase of the Customs Union with Turkey. The European Parliament was now requested to give its assent to this draft decision, which took the form of a common position of the Community within the EC-Turkey Association Council. The main characteristics of this agreement were as follows: - the establishment of 1 January 1996 as the date for the definitive completion of the Customs Union including all the relevant technical aspects: . the free movement of goods and the elimination of customs duties and taxes with equivalent effect after this date and quantitative restrictions on the import and export of goods by both parties; gradual transposition by Turkey of Community legislation on the abolition of technical barriers to trade and on product conformity with EC legislation requirements; . commercial policy: implementation of measures that were substantially similar to those of the Community's commercial policy; . extension of the CCT to include Turkey and granting of tariff preferences (except for certain products agreed by the Association Council up to 1 January 2001); . temporary derogation for the dismantling of tariffs for certain processed agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Decision; - protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property (implementation of the TRIPS agreement no later than three years after the entry into force of the Customs Union); - respect for the competition principles that characterised the Community, together with the gradual harmonisation of Turkish legislation in this area with the acquis communautaire; - fixing of the earliest date possible after the entry into force of the Customs Union for the opening up of the parties' respective government procurement markets. The decision also included: . institutional provisions (establishment of a EC-Turkey Customs Union Joint Committee to ensure the proper functioning of the agreement), . provisions relating to the settlement of disputes, . a safeguard clause.

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1995/0813(AVC) - 22/12/1995 - Final act

PURPOSE: the putting in place of the Customs Union with Turkey. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Decision 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council of 22 December 1995 on implementing the final phase of the Customs Union (96/142/EEC). CONTENT: The main provisions of this Council Decision are the following: - The free movement of goods and commercial policy. Products from third countries shall be considered to be in free circulation in the Community or in Turkey if the import facilities have been complied with and any custom duties or charges having equivalent effect which are payable have been levied in the Community or in Turkey, and if they have not benefited from a total or partial reimbursement of such duties or charges; - Elimination of customs duties and charges having equivalent effect. Customs duties shall be wholly abolished between the Community and Turkey on the date of entry into force of this Decision. Also, the Community and Turkey shall refrain from introducing any new customs duties on imports or exports or any charges having equivalent effect from that date; - Elimination of quantitative restrictions or measures having equivalent effect; - After entry into force of this Decision, Turkey shall, in relation to countries which are not members of the Community, apply provisions and implementing measures which are substantially similar to those of the Community's commercial policy; - Upon entry into force of this Decision, Turkey shall, in relation to countries which are not members of the Community, align itself to the Common Customs Tariff; - Processed agricultural products not covered by Annex II of the Treaty establishing the European Community; - Approximation of laws. This relates to the protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property as well as competition rules. - Approximation of legislation. This relates to trade defence instruments, government procurement, direct taxation and indirect taxation. - Institutional provisions. This relates to the EC-Turkey Customs Union Joint Committee, consultation and decision procedures, settlement of disputes and safeguard measures. ENTRY INTO FORCE: This Decision shall enter into force on 31.12.1995.

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1995/0813(AVC) - 13/12/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

By 343 votes to 149 and 36 abstentions, Parliament adopted the report by Mr CARNERO GONZALEZ (GUE, E), thus giving assent to the Customs Union agreement between the European Union and Turkey.