Basic information

1996/0104(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Israel agreement: government and telecommunications operators procurement **Subject** 2.10.02 Public procurement **Geographical area** Israel	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	DE CLERCQ Willy C.E.H. (ELDR)	23/04/1996

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	SIERRA GONZÁLEZ Angela del Carmen (GUE/NGL)	04/06/1996
TRAN Transport and Tourism		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1989	1997-02-24

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/04/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0148	Summary

17/06/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/10/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
31/10/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0357/1996	
16/01/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
24/02/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/02/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/07/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0104(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 066 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 057-p2 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p3/4
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/07918

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0357/1996 OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0006	31/10/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0016/1997 OJ C 033 03.02.1997, p. 0112-0117	17/01/1997	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0148 OJ C 162 06.06.1996, p. 0010	10/04/1996	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1997/0474
OJ L 202 30.07.1997, p. 0072

Summary

EC/Israel agreement: government and telecommunications operators procurement

1996/0104(CNS) - 10/04/1996 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for Council decision concerns the conclusion of two agreements between the European Community and the State of Israel on procurement by government and telecommunication operators. SUBSTANCE: as the two draft agreements were negotiated in parallel, they form one package and the Commission therefore proposes that the two be concluded together. - the first draft agreement covers government procurement. For the most part, it complements and broadens the scope of commitments entered into under the WTO's Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). The parties agree to notify such additional commitments to the WTO and incorporate them into the GPA coverage: as such, these commitments would be backed up by the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism. In spite of the fact that at the time of completing the negotiations, the new GPA had not entered into force, as a result of the draft agreement, Israel will be committed to further market opening in urban transport, services, medical equipment and sub-central government procurement. For its parts, the EC will open those same sectors to Israel on a reciprocal basis. The draft agreement also safeguards EC interests should the Israel market open further. Negotiations did not lead to any change in offset provisions permitted under the GPA. The latter permits Israel to require the limited incorporation of domestic content or offset procurement of up to 35% of the contract. This limit is reduced to 20% over a period of 9 years while thereafter Israel will review its offset policy in consultation with other GPA members. - The second draft agreement, on telecommunications procurement, is purely bilateral and does not therefore have any impact on coverage under the GPA. It provides for a mutual opening of procurement by granting an exchange of national treatment. Provision is made to enhance transparency and guarantee suppliers' rights by setting out minimum procurement and national challenge procedures. While this does not imply any procedural change for European operators, the main Israeli operator, Bezeq, is obliged to follow procedures based on those set out in the GPA. The implementation of the agreement is guaranteed through the bilateral dispute settlement procedure provided for in the interim association agreement (and subsequently the association agreement when it enters into force). The two draft agreements build on the closer political and economic relationship established between Israel and the Community under the draft association agreement, contributing to the stabilization of the region. They offer the Community more favourable treatment than Israel has been prepared to offer any other third country whilst protecting Community suppliers from discrimination which could arise out of future agreements with third countries. They provide for a joint review of progress made and for areas where further improvement can be achieved in the future.

EC/Israel agreement: government and telecommunications operators procurement

1996/0104(CNS) - 24/02/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of two agreements between the Community and Israel on procurement by telecommunications operators and government procurement. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 97/474/EC concerning the conclusion of two agreements between the Community and Israel on, respectively, procurement by telecommunications operators and government procurement. SUBSTANCE: These two agreements are approved on behalf of the Community and concern public contracts for supplies, works and other services. The agreement on telecommunications procurement seeks to ensure in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner that producers and suppliers of services of the 2 parties enjoy reciprocal access to contracts for products and services awarded by telecommunications operators. It applies to laws, regulations and practices affecting procurement by the parties' telecommunications operators and to the award of all procurement contracts by such operators (a list of the operators covered is annexed to the agreement). The agreement on government procurement is intended to complement and broaden the scope of the respective commitments entered into by the European Community and Israel in the Government Procurement Agreement of 1996 and to improve access to their respective procurement markets. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.08.1997.

EC/Israel agreement: government and telecommunications operators procurement

1996/0104(CNS) - 17/01/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Willy DE CLERCQ (EDLR, B), Parliament approved the conclusion of two Agreements between the European Community and the State of Israel concerning the liberalization of government procurement and telecommunications procurement. The conclusion of two separate Agreements is necessary because the first Agreement (government procurement) essentially complements the WTO Government Procurement

Agreement (1996) GPA) and the second Agreement, on telecommunications procurement, covers a sector to which the 1996 GPA does not apply. Parliament believes that Israel and the European Union will benefit from these two Agreements, Israel's main concern being to guarantee access for certain high-tech goods, and the Union focussing on public procurement, particularly in the transport sector.