Basic information

1997/0107(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Long-range transboundary air pollution: sulphur emissions. Protocol to the 1979 EEC-UN Convention **Subject** 3.70.02 Atmospheric pollution, motor vehicle pollution	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	08/07/1997
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	ARRONI Aldo (UPE)	18/06/1997
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	19/06/1997
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	2076	1998-03-23

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/03/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0088	Summary
13/06/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/12/1997	Vote in committee		

23/03/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/03/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/12/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/0107(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 130R-p4 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/09040

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0613/1997 OJ C 014 19.01.1998, p. 0050-0058	17/12/1997	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0088	12/03/1997	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0274/1997 OJ C 064 27.02.1998, p. 0036	19/11/1997	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1998/0686
OJ L 326 03.12.1998, p. 0034 Summary

Long-range transboundary air pollution: sulphur emissions. Protocol to the 1979 EEC-UN Convention

1997/0107(CNS) - 17/12/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Parliament approved the proposal for the conclusion of the protocol to the 1979 EC-UN Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution (procedure without report).

Long-range transboundary air pollution: sulphur emissions. Protocol to the 1979 EEC-UN Convention

1997/0107(CNS) - 12/03/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: The proposal for a Decision concerns conclusion by the Community of the Protocol on further reductions of sulphur emissions to the 1979 UN ECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution. It is part of a range of measures to combat acidification (acid rain) and certain atmospheric pollution problems resulting from the presence of sulphurous anhydride and suspended particles. SUBSTANCE: The proposal is submitted at the same time as a proposal for a Directive aiming to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions from certain liquid fuels (SYN97105), accompanied by a Commission Communication on a Community strategy to combat acidification which provides for a range of measures to bring about a substantial reduction by 2010 in the areas of the Union in which the ecosystem tolerance threshold is exceeded. The Commission proposes a Council Decision that the Union ratify the second Protocol of 14 June 1997 to the UN ECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution. The aim of the Protocol, which the EU has already signed, is to reduce annual sulphur emissions by the contracting parties, to set limits for emissions and in the long term to ensure that deposits of oxidized sulphur compounds do not exceed critical levels. The Fifth Community Environmental Action Programme has the same long-term objective.

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1997/0107(CNS) - 23/03/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: conclusion by the European Community of the Protocol to the 1979 UN/ECE Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution on further reductions of sulphur emissions. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 98/686/EC. CONTENTS: the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution on further reductions of sulphur emissions, signed on 14 June 1994, was approved on behalf of the Community. It should be noted that the European Community stated that the ceiling for emissions and the weighted average percentage of the European Community ought not to exceed the total obligations of the Member States of the European Union which have ratified the Protocol and stressed that all its Member States must reduce their SO2 emissions in accordance with the emission ceilings set in Annex II to the Protocol and in line with the relevant Community legislation.