Basic information

2002/0280(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Visas: third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement Amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 2000/0030(CNS) **Subject** 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	HERNÁNDEZ MOLLAR Jorge Salvador (PPE-DE)	21/01/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2477	2002-12-19
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	2493	2003-03-06

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Justice and Consumers	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/11/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0679	Summary
16/12/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/12/2002	Debate in Council		
21/01/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
21/01/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0005/2003	

11/02/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0041/2003	Summary
11/02/2003	Debate in Parliament		
06/03/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/03/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/03/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0280(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 2000/0030(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 062
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/16955

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0005/2003	21/01/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0041/2003 OJ C 043 19.02.2004, p. 0017-0059 E	11/02/2003	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2002)0679	28/11/2002	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2003/0453
OJ L 069 13.03.2003, p. 0010-0011 Summary

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2002/0280(CNS) - 11/02/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Jorge Salvador HERNANDEZ MOLLAR (EPP-ED, Spain) and slightly amended the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 21/03/03.) Parliament added that Ecuador's inclusion in Annex 1 is a sign of the serious economic situation there. Ecuador should therefore be considered in development aid programmes as a priority objective.

Visas: third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement

2002/0280(CNS) - 06/03/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to amend the list of third country nationals who need a visa to enter the Member States and those who do not require one. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 453/2003/EC amending Regulation 539/2001/EC listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement. CONTENT : due to developments in the international situation, certain amendments are made to the above-mentioned Regulation: - East Timor is moved to Part 1 (States) and removed from Part 2 (Entities and territorial authorities that are not recognised as States by at least one Member State). - Ecuador is inserted in Part 1 - Ecuador and Switzerland are deleted from Part 1 of Annex II. It seems from Member States replies to the questionnaire reviewing the Regulation that that an in-depth review of the reciprocity rule is called for. The Commission will report to the European Parliament and the Council no later than 30 June 2003 on the implications of reciprocity and, if necessary, will present appropriate proposals. The United Kingdom and Ireland are not bound by this Regulation. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 02/04/03.

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2002/0280(CNS) - 28/11/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 539/2001/EC listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external border of Member States and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement. CONTENT : the European Council in Seville in June 2002 considered as a top priority the review of Regulation 539/2001/EC. The relevant criteria for review are illegal immigration, public policy and security, the EU's external relations with third countries, regional coherence and reciprocity. The new proposal states that: - Ecuador is transferred from Annex II to Annex I on grounds of illegal immigration. Member States will put the visa requirement into effect with regard to nationals of Ecuador by 1/04/03. - East Timor is removed from Part 2 (territorial entities) and added to Part I (States) since it acquired full statehood on 20/5/02 and was admitted to the UN on 27/09/02. - Switzerland is deleted from Annex II. This is because the Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons between the EU and its Member States provides for free movement without visas for the Swiss and for EU nationals. The Commission will report no later than 30/06/03 on the implications of reciprocity and present necessary proposals, if necessary.