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| <p>2003/0117(CNS)</p> <p>CNS - Consultation procedure Decision</p> | Procedure completed |
| <p>Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Arhus Protocol (1998)</p> <p>See also 2003/0118(CNS) See also 2014/0358(NLE) See also 2014/0359(NLE)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.70.02 Atmospheric pollution, motor vehicle pollution 3.70.09 Transfrontier pollution</p> | |

| Key players | | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | ENVI | Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy | FRAHM Pernille (GUE /NGL) | 09/09/2003 |
| | Committee for opinion | | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | JURI | Legal Affairs and Internal Market | ZIMERAY François (PSE) | 20/10/2003 |
| | ITRE | Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy | | |
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| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | | Meetings | Date |
| | Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | | 2561 | 2004-02-19 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | | Commissioner | |
| | Environment | | | |

| Key events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
| 12/06/2003 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2003)0332  | Summary |
| 01/09/2003 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |

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| 04/11/2003 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 04/11/2003 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0372/2003 | |
| 20/11/2003 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0516/2003 | Summary |
| 19/02/2004 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 19/02/2004 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 19/03/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2003/0117(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | International agreement |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Amendments and repeals | See also 2003/0118(CNS) See also 2014/0358(NLE) See also 2014/0359(NLE) |
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| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | ENVI/5/19675 |

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| European Parliament | | | | |
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| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A5-0372/2003 | 04/11/2003 | |
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| Final act | |
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Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Arhus Protocol (1998)

2003/0117(CNS) - 19/02/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to approve, on behalf of the Community, the 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP). **LEGISLATIVE ACT :** Council Decision 2004/259/EC concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. **CONTENT :** the Council adopted a Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. The instrument of approval on behalf of the Community will be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 16 of the Protocol. The Protocol aims at limiting discharges, emissions and losses of thirteen persistent organic pollutants that cause significant adverse effects on human health or the environment as a result of their long-range transboundary atmospheric transport. In addition, Parties have to take effective measures to reduce or stabilise total annual emissions of certain substances.

Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Arhus Protocol (1998)

2003/0117(CNS) - 20/11/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Pernille FRAHM (EUL/NGL, DK) and made a few amendments to the proposal. (Please see the document dated 04/11/03.)

Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Arhus Protocol (1998)

2003/0117(CNS) - 12/06/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to approve, on behalf of the Community, the 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. **CONTENT :** the Community has been a Party to the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) since 1982. This Convention was negotiated and adopted under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. The Executive Body of the LRTAP Convention decided in 1996 to open negotiations on a Protocol on persistent organic pollutants. The negotiations were concluded in February 1998. The Commission participated on behalf of the Community and in accordance with the negotiating directives given by the Council on 7 October 1997. The Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants was adopted and opened for signature at a special session of the Executive Body which was held in conjunction with the Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" in Aarhus, Denmark on 23-25 June 1998. The Community and all the Member States signed the Protocol on 24 June 1998. The aim of the Protocol is to control, reduce or eliminate discharges, emissions and losses of persistent organic pollutants that cause significant adverse effects on human health or the environment as a result of their long-range transboundary atmospheric transport. The Protocol stipulates the elimination or reduction of production and use of thirteen substances regarded as persistent organic pollutants. In addition, Parties have to take effective measures to reduce or stabilise total annual emissions of certain substances. In order to ensure that proposals for listing additional substances in the Protocol are justified and have sufficient support in the Community, only joint proposals by the Community and the Member States may be submitted to the Secretariat. Therefore, appropriate provisions on submitting new proposals are included in the Decision. While the main purpose and the content of the Protocol concerns environmental protection, the provisions concerning prohibitions and restrictions of intentional production and use of chemicals are relevant to the functioning of the internal market. Therefore, the Decision on ratification is based on Articles 175(1) and 95(1), in conjunction with Article 300. In parallel to this proposed Decision, the Commission has put forward a proposal for

a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (see CNS030118) and a Regulation to implement certain provisions of the Protocol and the Stockholm Convention, which are not yet implemented by the Community legislation.