

Basic information	
2005/0167(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Common standards and procedures for returning illegally staying third-country nationals. "Return Directive" See also 2014/2701(RSP) See also 2016/0407(COD) Subject 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas 7.10.08 Migration policy	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
01/09/2005	Legislative proposal published	COM(2005)0391 	Summary
29/09/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
12/09/2007	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
20/09/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A6-0339/2007	
08/11/2007	Debate in Council		
06/12/2007	Debate in Council		Summary
28/02/2008	Debate in Council		Summary
18/04/2008	Debate in Council		Summary
17/06/2008	Debate in Parliament		
18/06/2008	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T6-0293/2008	Summary
18/06/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
08/12/2008	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
16/12/2008	Final act signed		
16/12/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/12/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		