Basic information

2005/0175(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Alcoholic beverages: temporary quantitative restrictions of excise duty beer imports into Finland till 31 December 2006 (amend. Directive 69/169 /EEC) **Subject** 2.70.02 Indirect taxation, VAT, excise duties 3.10.06.08 Wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages **Geographical area** Finland	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	BERÈS Pervenche (PSE)	27/09/2005

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2702	2005-12-20

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Taxation and Customs Union	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/09/2005	Legislative proposal published	COM(2005)0427	Summary
12/10/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/11/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
16/11/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0322/2005	

13/12/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0470/2005	Summary
13/12/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
20/12/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/12/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/12/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/6/30420

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0322/2005	16/11/2005	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0470/2005	13/12/2005	Summary

European Commission

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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1487/2005 OJ C 065 17.03.2006, p. 0029-0030	15/12/2005	

Additional information

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Final act
Directive 2005/0093 OJ L 346 29.12.2005, p. 0016-0017 Summary

Alcoholic beverages: temporary quantitative restrictions of excise duty beer imports into Finland till 31 December 2006 (amend. Directive 69/169/EEC)

2005/0175(CNS) - 14/09/2005 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: Temporary quantitative restriction on beer imports into Finland.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Directive

CONTENT: In 2000, the Commission granted Finland a derogation to limit personal imports of beer by individuals from countries other than EU Member States. The amount was limited to 6 litres and the derogation was to last only until 31 December 2005. The purpose of the derogations was to soften fiscal, economic, social, health and public order problems and related in particular to cheep imports from Russia. Within this context, the Commission proposes to extend the derogation for one further year to last from 1 January 2006 until 31 December 2006. Finland will be authorised to apply a quantitative limit for beer imports by travellers from countries other than EU Member States, to be fixed at an amount of 16 litres. This, it is hoped, will help to soften the current fiscal and economic problems faced by Finland. The Commission is, however, imposing a time limit in order to:

- take account of Community rules, which seek to prevent competitive distortions resulting from the application of different limits when external frontiers linking the Community to third countries are crossed and,

- pending the outcome of a general review of the values and quantities of goods set down in Council Directive 69/169/EEC. Such a review may provide a permanent solution to the Finnish problem.

The proposal has no negative impact on the Community budget.

Alcoholic beverages: temporary quantitative restrictions of excise duty beer imports into Finland till 31 December 2006 (amend. Directive 69/169/EEC)

2005/0175(CNS) - 13/12/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Pervenche **BERÈS** (PES, FR), by 484 votes in favour, 15 against with 14 abstentionsand approved the Commission's proposal.

Alcoholic beverages: temporary quantitative restrictions of excise duty beer imports into Finland till 31 December 2006 (amend. Directive 69/169/EEC)

2005/0175(CNS) - 21/12/2005 - Final act

PURPOSE: to prolong the temporary quantitative restriction on beer imports into Finland.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Directive 2005/93/EC amending Directive 69/169/EC as regards the temporary quantitative restrictions on beer imports into Finland.

CONTENT: in amending Directive 69/169/EC, Finland will be allowed to derogate from Article 4(1), until 31 December 2007. This will allow it to apply a maximum quantitative limit of not less than 16 litres of imported beer per person, from third countries. This measure has been adopted in order to alleviate pressure on Finnish border retailers and to help lessen problems in relation to alcohol, social and health policies.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 29 December 2005.

TRANSPOSITION: 31 December 2005.