Basic information

2005/0206(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
EC/Micronesia Fisheries Partnership Agreement **Subject** 3.15.15.06 Fisheries agreements with Pacific countries **Geographical area** Micronesia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS Rosa (PSE)	16/11/2005

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	MORGANTINI Luisa (GUE/NGL)	24/10/2005
BUDG Budgets	TRÜPEL Helga (Verts/ALE)	20/09/2004

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2724	2006-04-25

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/10/2005	Legislative proposal published	COM(2005)0502	Summary
15/11/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/02/2006	Vote in committee		Summary

23/02/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0035/2006	
15/03/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0081/2006	Summary
15/03/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
25/04/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/04/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
06/06/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2005/0206(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/31116

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE364.767	15/11/2005	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE367.945	06/02/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0035/2006	23/02/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0081/2006	15/03/2006	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2005)0502	17/10/2005	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2006)1725	19/04/2006	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Regulation 2006/0805 OJ L 151 06.06.2006, p. 0001-0030 Summary

EC/Micronesia Fisheries Partnership Agreement

2005/0206(CNS) - 25/04/2006 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude a Partnership Agreement between the EU and Micronesia on fishing in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 805/2006/EC concerning the conclusion of the Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Federated States of Micronesia on fishing in the Federated States of Micronesia.

CONTENT : the Council adopted a Regulation approving a partnership agreement between the EU and Micronesia on fishing in the waters off Micronesia. The agreement provides for economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation in the fisheries sector with a view to guaranteeing the conservation and sustainable exploitation of resources, as well as partnerships between undertakings aimed at developing economic activities in the fisheries sector and related activities of common interest.

It will apply for 9 years from the date of its entry into force and will be renewable for additional periods of 3 years.

The EC/FSM Fisheries Partnership Agreement establishes under what conditions EC vessels may access the waters of the FSM as well as demarcating sustainable fishing policies. The initial Agreement is to last for a period of three years A protocol and technical annex are an integral part of the Agreement.

Under the terms of the Protocol EC vessels must be compatible with Decisions taken by the Central Pacific nations in the context of the *Palau Agreement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine Fishery*. In addition, the Protocol makes clear that the EC fishing effort in the FSM exclusive economic zone must be in line with the scientific findings of tuna stock assessment reports.

As far as the EC is concerned the following possibilities apply: Six purse seine vessels and twelve surface long-liners are allowed to fish. As from the second year, fishing possibilities may be increased at the request of the Community and depending on the management decisions of the Parties to the Palau Agreement and/or other competent regional fisheries bodies. Alternatively, fishing possibilities may be reduced if, based on scientific advice, competent management bodies and institutions so require.

Financial contribution: the global financial contribution has been fixed at **EUR 559 000 per year**. As from the second year, for each additional purse seine vessel licence obtained, the financial contribution may be increased by EUR 65 000 per year. The FSM has opted to allocate 18% of the annual financial contribution to implementing a sectoral fisheries policy in order to encourage responsible fishing in its waters.

Licences: licences shall be valid for one year. They may be renewable. Renewal of licences shall be subject to the number of available fishing possibilities established by the Protocol. The fee shall be EUR 35 per tonne caught within the FSM EEZ.

Licences shall be issued once the following standard amounts have been paid :

a) EUR 15 000 per tuna seiner vessel, equivalent to the fees due for 428 tonnes of tuna and tuna-like species caught per year;

b) EUR 4 200 per surface long-liner, equivalent to the fees due for 120 tonnes of tuna and tuna-like species caught per year

Control:As far as monitoring activities are concerned, the Annex to the Protocol states that EC vessels will need to comply fully with all regional provisions including a vessel monitoring system (VMS).

Fishing opportunities: the Regulation also determines the allocation of fishing opportunities among the EU's Member States set out in a protocol to the agreement. They are expressed in vessel numbers (8 surface longliners for Spain and 4 for Portugal) and percentage of fishing possibilities for freezer tuna seiners (75% of fishing possibilities for Spain and 25% for France).

If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 13 June 2006.

EC/Micronesia Fisheries Partnership Agreement

2005/0206(CNS) - 15/03/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Rosa MIGUÉLEZ **RAMOS** (PES, ES) and made a few amendments to the proposal. (Please see the summary of 23/02/2006.)

EC/Micronesia Fisheries Partnership Agreement

2005/0206(CNS) - 17/10/2005 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: The Conclusion of a Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Federated States of Micronesia on fishing in the Federated States of Micronesia.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation

CONTENT: Access to fishing opportunities in the Central Western Pacific is considered essential for the long-term development of EC tuna fishing. The Western Pacific offers the richest tuna fishing opportunities in the world accounting for 50% of total tuna catches worldwide. Scientific studies demonstrate that the current state of stock is so good that, for certain types of species, the maximum safe level of exploitation has yet to be reached.

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As far as monitoring activities are concerned, the Annex to the Protocol states that EC vessels will need to comply fully with all regional provisions including a vessel monitoring system. Fines of up to EUR 15 000 per purse seine vessel and EUR 4 200 for each long-liner vessel may be imposed in case of breaching the Agreement’s provisions.

For further information concerning the financial implications of this measure, please refer to the financial statement.