




| Basic information | |
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| 2006/0308(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation | Procedure completed |
| United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences Subject 3.20.15.06 Maritime or inland transport agreements and cooperation | |

| Key players | | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs | | WORTMANN-KOOL Corien (PPE-DE) | 13/02/2007 |
| | Committee for opinion | | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | TRAN Transport and Tourism | | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | | Meetings | Date |
| | Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) | | 2832 | 2007-11-22 |
| | Transport, Telecommunications and Energy | | 2805 | 2007-06-06 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | | Commissioner | |
| | Energy and Transport | | BARROT Jacques | |

| Key events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
| 31/12/2006 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2006)0869  | Summary |
| 13/03/2007 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading | | |
| 06/06/2007 | Debate in Council | | Summary |
| 27/06/2007 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | Summary |
| 28/06/2007 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | A6-0258/2007 | |
| 10/07/2007 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading | T6-0304/2007 | Summary |

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| 10/07/2007 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 22/11/2007 | Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading | | |
| 11/12/2007 | Final act signed | | |
| 11/12/2007 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 18/12/2007 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2006/0308(COD) |
| Procedure type | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| Legislative instrument | Regulation |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | ECON/6/45376 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | |
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| European Parliament | | | | |
| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Committee draft report | | PE388.437 | 09/05/2007 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A6-0258/2007 | 28/06/2007 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T6-0304/2007 | 10/07/2007 | Summary |
| Council of the EU | | | | |
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| Draft final act | 03660/2007/LEX | 11/12/2007 | | |
| European Commission | | | | |
| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary | |
| Legislative proposal | COM(2006)0869  | 31/12/2006 | Summary | |
| Other institutions and bodies | | | | |
| Institution/body | Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
| EESC | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES0991/2007 | 11/07/2007 | |

| Additional information | | |
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| Source | Document | Date |
| National parliaments | IPEX | |
| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

| Final act | |
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| Regulation 2007/1490 OJ L 332 18.12.2007, p. 0001 | Summary |

United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences

2006/0308(COD) - 31/12/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to repeal Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

PROPOSED ACT: European Parliament and Council Regulation.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 deals with the accession to or ratification by Member States of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. The Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences (Geneva, 6 April 1974) was drafted under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) with the aim of setting out a harmonised international framework for the operation of shipping conferences. The objective of the UNCTAD Convention was to promote a fair balance in the access to freight in liner shipping between operators from developed countries and those from developing ones. The Convention also provides for rules and procedures aiming at avoiding abuses by conferences and at favouring a dialogue between shippers and carriers. Thirteen Member States of the Community are party to the Code.

On 25 September 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006 repealing Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86. Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86 provided for a block exemption of liner conferences from the EC Treaty's ban on restrictive business practices (Article 81).

For reasons of legal consistency, the repealing of Council Regulation No 954/79 should entry into force at the moment of the repeal of the exemption from the prohibition in Article 81(1) of the Treaty in respect of shipping conferences, that is to say at the end of the two years transitional period foreseen by Council Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006 repealing Regulation No 4056/86.

At the end of the transition period, the prohibition in Article 81 (1) of the Treaty will apply to scheduled maritime transport services and as a consequence shipping conferences will no longer be allowed to operate in trades to/from the ports of the Member States. The Member States will therefore be prevented from fulfilling their obligations under the Code. At that time Member States will no longer be in a position to ratify, approve or accede to the Code. Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 will therefore become inapplicable and should be repealed at the end of the transition period provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006, that is, on 18 October 2008.

United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences

2006/0308(COD) - 11/12/2007 - Final act

PURPOSE: to repeal Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Regulation (EC) No 1490/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 dealt with the accession to or ratification by Member States of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. The Convention sets out an international regulatory framework for shipping conferences, in particular by means of rules on access to shares of trade by ship owners established in the territories of the State parties to the Convention, which serves mutual foreign trade. On 25 September 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006 repealing Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86. Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86 provided for a block exemption of liner conferences from the EC Treaty's ban on restrictive business practices (Article 81).

For reasons of legal consistency, the repealing of Council Regulation No 954/79 will enter into force at the moment of the repeal of the exemption from the prohibition in Article 81(1) of the Treaty in respect of shipping conferences, that is to say at the end of the two years transitional period foreseen by Council Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006 repealing Regulation No 4056/86.

At the end of the transition period, the prohibition in Article 81 (1) of the Treaty will apply to scheduled maritime transport services and as a consequence shipping conferences will no longer be allowed to operate in trades to/from the ports of the Member States. The Member States will therefore be prevented from fulfilling their obligations under the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. From that time, Member States will no longer be in a position to ratify, approve or accede to that Convention. Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 will therefore become inapplicable and is repealed with effect from the end of the transition period provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006, that is to say on 18 October 2008.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18/12/2008.

United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences

2006/0308(COD) - 10/07/2007 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Corien **WORTMANN-KOOL** (EPP-ED, NL) approving the proposed regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences

2006/0308(COD) - 06/06/2007

Pending the adoption of the opinion of the European Parliament at first reading, the Council unanimously reached a general approach on a proposal for a Regulation repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.