Basic information

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

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

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

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

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

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

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
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.

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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.