Basic information

2008/0133(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol See also 2002/0048(CNS) **Subject** 3.20.15.06 Maritime or inland transport agreements and cooperation **Geographical area** China	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	SIMPSON Brian (S&D)	15/07/2009

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2970	2009-10-26
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2901	2008-11-04
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2935	2009-03-30

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Energy and Transport	TAJANI Antonio

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/06/2008	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0405	
27/04/2009	Legislative proposal published	08127/2009	Summary

14/07/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/07/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
28/07/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0002/2009	
15/09/2009	Decision by Parliament	T7-0007/2009	Summary
15/09/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/10/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/10/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/11/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0133(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 2002/0048(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1 2005 Act of Accession (Bulgaria and Romania) TSA 6-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/7/00110

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE412.347	22/06/2009	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0002/2009	28/07/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0007/2009	15/09/2009	Summary

Council of the EU

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European Commission

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2009/0825 OJ L 294 11.11.2009, p. 0010	Summary

EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

2008/0133(CNS) - 15/09/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 558 votes 19, with 11 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion of the Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part.

EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

2008/0133(CNS) - 26/10/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT Council Decision 2009/825/EC concerning the conclusion of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part.

CONTENT: the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China which was signed in Brussels on 6 December 2002 entered into force on 1 March 2008.

A Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union was signed in Beijing on 5 September 2005 and concluded pursuant to Council Decision 2008/144/EC. Bulgaria and Romania then acceded to the European Union on 1 January 2007.

In accordance with Article 6(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession, these two new Member States are to accede to the Agreement by way of a protocol between the Council and the People's Republic of China.

This Decision aims to approve, on behalf of the Community, the Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The Protocol was signed by the parties in Brussels on 31 March 2009.

EC/China Agreement on maritime transport: accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. Protocol

2008/0133(CNS) - 27/04/2009 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to sign and conclude a Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: Bulgaria and Romania acceded to the European Union on 1 January 2007.

Under Article 6(2) of the Act concerning the Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania and the adjustment of the Treaties on which the European Union is founded, the accession of the two new Member States to the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Union and China signed in Brussels on 6 December 2002 and entered into force on 1 March 2008 shall be agreed by the conclusion of a Protocol to this Agreement.

Article 6(2) provides for a simplified procedure, as this Protocol is to be concluded by the Council of the European Union, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and China.

Consequently, the Commission has negotiated this Protocol on behalf of the European Community and its Member States on the basis of negotiating directives adopted by the Council on 23 October 2006, and in consultation with a committee of the representatives of the Member States. The draft Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Chinese representatives in Beijing on 28 February 2008.

The Protocol provides for the necessary technical and linguistic adaptations of the Agreement that ensue from the accession of the two new Member States.

It should be noted that in accordance with the applicable procedures, the Council presented a draft decision accompanying the Protocol, stipulating that the Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, was signed in Brussels on 31 March 2009.

As a consequence, the constitutional and institutional procedures have been completed and the Protocol should now be approved.