Basic information

2008/0202(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Switzerland agreement: trade in agricultural products **Subject** 3.10.02 Processed products, agri-foodstuffs 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.05 Livestock products, in general 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations **Geographical area** Switzerland	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	GLATTFELDER Béla (PPE-DE)	04/12/2008

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2966	2009-10-19

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	FISCHER BOEL Mariann

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/11/2008	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0685	Summary
03/02/2009	Legislative proposal published	15523/2008	Summary
03/02/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

05/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
06/03/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0122/2009	
02/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0198/2009	Summary
02/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/10/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/10/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/11/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2008/0202(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 152-p4b
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/6/69603

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE419.905	03/02/2009	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0122/2009	06/03/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0198/2009	02/04/2009	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	15472/2008	12/12/2008	Summary
Legislative proposal	15523/2008	03/02/2009	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(2008)0685	07/11/2008	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2009/0805 OJ L 288 04.11.2009, p. 0022	Summary

EC/Switzerland agreement: trade in agricultural products

2008/0202(CNS) - 19/10/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending the Agreement on trade in agricultural products.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2009/805/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products.

CONTENT: the Commission negotiated, on behalf of the Community, an Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending Annex 11 to the 2002 Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products. It entered into force on 1 June 2002 and provided for some reciprocal tariff concessions regarding agricultural products and for the removal of a series of technical barriers to trade.

The final Annex of the Agreement (Annex 11) concerns animal-health, veterinary public health and zootechnical measures applicable to trade in live animals and pets and animal products. Progress had been made since 2002 to take account of the changes to the acquis and Swiss legislation. It is for this reason that the new Agreement is necessary. The Agreement, together with the Final Act, was signed, on behalf of the Community, on 23 December 2008 subject to its conclusion, in accordance with Council Decision 2008/979/EC.

The purpose of this Decision is therefore to approve the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products and to take account of the updates and the changes in Community legislation on animal-health, veterinary public health and zootechnical measures applicable to trade in live animals and pets and animal products.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Agreement shall provisionally apply from 1 January 2009.

EC/Switzerland agreement: trade in agricultural products

2008/0202(CNS) - 02/04/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 558 votes to 33, with 23 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products.

EC/Switzerland agreement: trade in agricultural products

2008/0202(CNS) - 03/02/2009 - Legislative proposal

This proposal for a decision forms the legal basis by which the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amends Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products.

The content of the Agreement is, in essence, consistent with the Commission's initial proposal (refer to the initial proposal of 7 November 2008).

The Agreement, together with the Final Act thereto, was signed, on behalf of the Community, on 23 December 2008 subject to its conclusion.

This decision requires the **European Parliament's assent**.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this proposal for a decision (see Council doc *15472/2008*).

EC/Switzerland agreement: trade in agricultural products

2008/0202(CNS) - 07/11/2008 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to approve an Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending the Agreement on trade in agricultural products.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Commission recently adopted a proposal for a decision aiming to amend the EC-Swiss Agreement on the exchange of agricultural products (see AVC/2008/0163).

To recall, the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products entered into force on 1 June 2002 (see AVC/1999/0108) and provided for some reciprocal tariff concessions regarding agricultural products and for the removal of a series of technical barriers to trade.

Since 2002, a number of amendments have been made to the Agreement following decisions by the Joint Veterinary Committee to take account of the changes to the acquis and Swiss legislation. The Commission decided to amend this Agreement in August 2008 on particular issues (see AVC/2008/0168). However, Annex 11 needs to be updated and amended which is the purpose of this proposal.

CONTENT: the Swiss Confederation has undertaken to include in its national legislation the provisions of:

- Council Directive 91/496/EEC laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC;
- Council Directive 97/78/EC laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries;
- Council Directive 2002/99/EC laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption;
- Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules, and all the provisions adopted for their implementation in the control of imports from third countries into the European Union;
- Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals and amending Council Directive 92/65/EEC.

The provisions of Annex 11 to the Agreement on Agriculture should be adapted accordingly.

Procedure: in accordance with Article 5(2) of the Agreement on Agriculture, the amendment procedure laid down in Article 11 thereof does not apply to Annex 11. Consequently, any amendment to Annex 11 must be approved by means of a procedure identical to the procedure for the Agreement on Agriculture (assent given from the European Parliament).

The provisional application of this Decision, pending the completion of the internal procedures of the Parties, allows account to be taken of the changes resulting from amendments to the Appendices of Annex 11 and of the discontinuation of veterinary inspections at borders from 1 January 2009.

It should be noted that the amendment will not entail any financial implications.

EC/Switzerland agreement: trade in agricultural products

2008/0202(CNS) - 12/12/2008 - Document attached to the procedure

This proposal concerns the final act of the draft Council Decision on the signing on behalf of the Community and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products.

The content of the Agreement has not been amended and is in line with the Commission initial proposal (please refer to the summary of the previous initial proposal of 07/11/2008).

The Agreement should be signed and applied on a provisional basis from 1 January 2009 pending the completion of the procedures for its formal conclusion.