

Basic information	
<p>2008/0212(AVC)</p> <p>AVC - Assent procedure (historic)</p> <p>EC/South Africa agreement: additional protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation TDCA; accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.30 Development cooperation 6.30.01 Generalised scheme of tariff preferences (GSP), rules of origin</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>South Africa</p>	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	DEVE Development		BORRELL FONTELLES Josep (PSE)	21/01/2009
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)		2936	2009-04-06
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Development		MICHEL Louis	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/11/2008	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0749 	Summary
15/12/2008	Legislative proposal published	16447/2008	Summary
15/01/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

17/02/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
24/02/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0073/2009	
10/03/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0084/2009	Summary
10/03/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
06/04/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/04/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/06/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/0212(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1/2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 310
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/6/69895

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE419.908	05/02/2009	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0073/2009	24/02/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0084/2009	10/03/2009	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	13038/2007	02/10/2007		
Legislative proposal	16447/2008	15/12/2008	Summary	
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Initial legislative proposal	COM(2008)0749 	17/11/2008	Summary	

Additional information	

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Decision 2009/0484 OJ L 160 23.06.2009, p. 0009 Summary

EC/South Africa agreement: additional protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation TDCA; accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU

2008/0212(AVC) - 06/04/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude the Additional Protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Union and South Africa to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2009/484/EC.

CONTENT: following a first reading agreement with the European Parliament, the Council adopted a decision approving an additional protocol to the agreement on trade, development and cooperation with South Africa, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU.

To recall, Bulgaria and Romania acceded to the EU on 1 January 2007. Under the Act of Accession, the accession of new Member States to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation (TDCA) with South Africa must be approved by concluding a protocol to that Agreement. Article 6 (2) provides for a simplified procedure whereby such protocols are to be concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and the third country concerned.

Consequently, the Commission has negotiated this Additional Protocol, for the EC part on behalf of the European Community, and for the national competence part on behalf of the Member States, on the basis of the negotiating directives adopted by the Council on 23 October 2006, and in consultation with a committee of representatives of the Member States.

The Additional Protocol provides for the necessary technical adaptations of the TDCA ensuing from the accession of the new contracting parties, in particular regarding:

- **institutional provisions:** the protocol includes a number of adjustments brought about by the accession of the new Member States to this mixed agreement and an increase in the number of official languages;
- **rules of origin:** the multilingual provisions in Protocol 1 to the TDCA concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation have been amended to include the languages of the new Member States.

The TDCA provides for trade liberalisation between the European Community and South Africa, which in some cases is limited to tariff quotas. These tariff quotas have been reviewed on the basis of traditional trade between the new Member States, on the one hand, and South Africa, on the other. Trade flows were found to be insignificant and no adjustments to the tariff quotas were required.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Protocol shall enter into force as soon as all the necessary procedures have been completed.

EC/South Africa agreement: additional protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation TDCA; accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU

2008/0212(AVC) - 10/03/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 643 votes to 7, with 10 abstention, a legislative resolution and gave its assent to the conclusion of the additional protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

EC/South Africa agreement: additional protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation TDCA; accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU

2008/0212(AVC) - 15/12/2008 - Legislative proposal

This proposal concerns the final act of the draft Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the additional protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.

The content of the Agreement has not been amended. It is in line with that of the Commission's initial proposal (please refer to the previous initial proposal of 17/11/2008).

The final Agreement can be found in *Council document 13038/07* of 02/10/2007.

EC/South Africa agreement: additional protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation TDCA; accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU

2008/0212(AVC) - 17/11/2008 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the additional protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the EC and its Member States, and South Africa, to take account of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: Bulgaria and Romania acceded to the EU on 1 January 2007. Under the Act of Accession, the accession of new Member States to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation (TDCA) with South Africa must be approved by concluding a protocol to that Agreement. Article 6 (2) provides for a simplified procedure whereby such protocols are to be concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and the third country concerned. This procedure is without prejudice to the European Community's own competences.

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On 9 October 2007 the Council adopted a decision on the signing and provisional application of the protocol. This proposal is for a Council Decision concluding the protocol.