Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	BALZANI Francesca (S&D)	28/04/2010
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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	3073	2011-03-07

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	CIOLOŞ Dacian

Key events

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17/03/2010	Legislative proposal published	COM(2010)0096	Summary
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17/01/2011	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
20/01/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A7-0003/2011	
02/02/2011	Debate in Parliament		
03/02/2011	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T7-0036/2011	Summary
03/02/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
07/03/2011	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
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Committee dossier	INTA/7/02527

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European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE450.873	07/12/2010	
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Final act

Regulation 2011/0306
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2010/0056(COD) - 17/03/2010 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to repeal Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.

CONTENT: the European Union concluded the deal with Latin American countries (Geneva Convention) and the US in December 2009 which settles 15 years of banana disputes. It also cuts the tariff which the EU applies to bananas imported from Latin American countries. With those two agreements, years of lengthy and complex negotiations where put to an end.

With the Geneva Agreement entering into force, it is necessary to abolish the existing applied EU Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff rate for the importation of bananas by repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas which established the currently applied rate of EUR 176/tonne.

In accordance with the Geneva Agreement, the **Union will gradually reduce its banana tariff from EUR 176/tonne to EUR 114/tonne**. A first cut, which was applied retroactively as of 15 December 2009, the date of initialling of the Agreement, reduced the tariff to EUR 148/tonne. The subsequent cuts are to apply in seven annual instalments with a possible delay of a maximum of two years if agreement on agriculture modalities in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is delayed. The final tariff of EUR 114/tonne is to be reached on 1 January 2019 at the latest. The tariff reductions will be bound in the WTO at the moment of the certification of the EU banana schedule.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the Agreements reduce progressively the tariff rates for bananas. It can be estimated that these measures will lead to smaller own resources as follows: -EUR 3.5 million in 2009, -EUR 74.8million in 2010, - EUR 88.1 million in 2011, and -EUR 106.8 million in 2012. These are net amounts after deduction of collecting costs by Member States. An estimate of own resources for 2009 was included because of the retroactive validity of these Agreements to 15/12/2009.

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2010/0056(COD) - 09/03/2011 - Final act

PURPOSE: following the Geneva Agreement on trade in bananas, to abolish the existing applied EU tariff rate for the importation of bananas by repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 306/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas.

CONTENT: on 31 May 2010, the **Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas** between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela regarding the structure and operation of the Union’s trading regime for bananas of CN code 0803 00 19 was signed. After having been applied provisionally since its date of signature, the Agreement was approved by Council Decision 2011/194/EU.

In light of the new banana tariffs to be applied pursuant to the Geneva Agreement, this Regulation repeals Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas which established the currently applied rate of EUR 176/tonne.

In accordance with the Agreement, the **Union will gradually reduce its banana tariff from EUR 176/metric tonne to EUR 114/metric tonne**. A first cut, which was applied retroactively from 15 December 2009, the date of initialling of the Agreement, reduced the tariff to EUR 148/metric tonne. The subsequent cuts are to apply in seven annual instalments with a possible delay of a maximum of two years if agreement on agriculture modalities in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is delayed. The final tariff of EUR 114/metric tonne is to be reached on 1 January 2019 at the latest. The tariff reductions will be bound in the WTO at the moment of the certification of the EU banana schedule.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: this Regulation shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

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2010/0056(COD) - 03/02/2011 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 501 votes to 113, with 18 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure taking over the Commission proposal.

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas, signed on 31 May 2010, between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela regarding the structure and operation of the Union's trading regime for bananas of CN code 0803 00 19.