Basic information

2010/0243(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Norway Agreement: additional trade preferences in agricultural products **Subject** 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin **Geographical area** Norway	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	SCHOLZ Helmut (GUE/NGL)	26/10/2010
	Shadow rapporteur KOPPA Maria Eleni (S&D)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	ASHWORTH Richard (ECR)	27/10/2010

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3122	2011-11-08
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	3043	2010-11-08

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	CIOLOŞ Dacian

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

27/09/2010	Preparatory document	COM(2010)0466	Summary
28/10/2010	Legislative proposal published	14206/2010	Summary
10/05/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/07/2011	Vote in committee		Summary
15/07/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0276/2011	
13/09/2011	Decision by Parliament	T7-0353/2011	Summary
13/09/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
08/11/2011	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
08/11/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/12/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2010/0243(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p4 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/7/03913

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	AGRI	PE456.629	25/05/2011	
Committee draft report		PE456.787	31/05/2011	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0276/2011	15/07/2011	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0353/2011	13/09/2011	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	14206/2010	28/10/2010	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	14372/2010	28/10/2010	

European Commission

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

Final act	
Decision 2011/0818 OJ L 327 09.12.2011, p. 0001	Summary

EU/Norway Agreement: additional trade preferences in agricultural products

2010/0243(NLE) - 28/10/2010 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area foresees that the contracting parties undertake to continue their efforts with a view to achieving progressive liberalisation of agricultural trade between them.

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between European Union and Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products was signed by the Parties, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

It is now necessary to approve this Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the EEA Agreement.

The text of the Agreement is attached to the Decision. For further details, please refer to the summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 27/09/2010.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implication on the EU budget.

EU/Norway Agreement: additional trade preferences in agricultural products

2010/0243(NLE) - 13/09/2011 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/Norway Agreement: additional trade preferences in agricultural products

2010/0243(NLE) - 27/09/2010 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of the Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision

BACKGROUND: Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area provides for progressive liberalisation of agricultural trade between Contracting Parties. To that end, Parties will carry out, at two-yearly intervals, reviews of the conditions of trade in agricultural products and decide, within the framework of this agreement, on a preferential, bilateral or multilateral, reciprocal and mutually beneficial basis, on further reduction of any type of barriers to trade in the agricultural sector.

The last agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the parties came into force in July 2003. It comprised the arrangements for reciprocal trade in cheese and mutual concessions for a variety of agricultural products, including tariff quotas.

The present proposal, which stems from bilateral trade negotiations in agriculture, conducted from March 2008 to January 2010, has resulted in this draft agreement in the form of the exchange of letters which needs to be approved on behalf of the EU.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASE: Article 207(4) first subparagraph of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) thereof.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of the Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the EEA Agreement.

The objective is to make provision for **further liberalisation of agricultural trade**.

The new preferences will consist in additional full liberalisation for some sensitive products, thus allowing **some 60% of agricultural trade between Norway and the European Union** to be completely free.

For more sensitive products such as:

- meat,
- dairy,
- fruit,
- vegetables and
- ornamental plants,
- tariff quotas or tariff reductions have been agreed upon.

Specific provisions are foreseen as regards the management of tariff rate quotas for cheese.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: the loss of customs revenues is estimated at approximately EUR 4.96 million (net amount after deduction of collection costs).

EU/Norway Agreement: additional trade preferences in agricultural products

2010/0243(NLE) - 08/11/2011 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement in the form of the Exchange of Letters between the EU and Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2011/818/EU on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

BACKGROUND: Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area foresees that the contracting parties undertake to continue their efforts with a view to achieving progressive liberalisation of agricultural trade between them.

In accordance with Council Decision 2010/676/EU, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area was signed on 15 April 2011, subject to its conclusion.

It is now appropriate to approve this Agreement.

CONTENT: with this Decision, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the EU and Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The objective is to make provision for further liberalisation of agricultural trade.

The new preferences will consist in additional full liberalisation for some sensitive products, thus allowing some 60% of agricultural trade between Norway and the European Union to be completely free.

For more sensitive products such as:

- meat,
- dairy,
- fruit,
- vegetables and
- ornamental plants,
- tariff quotas or tariff reductions have been agreed upon.

Specific provisions are foreseen as regards the management of tariff rate quotas for cheese.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall enter into force on 8/11/2011. The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union by the General Secretariat of the Council.