Basic information

2011/0116(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
International Rubber Study Group: amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure **Subject** 3.10.06.10 Tropical plants 6.20.05 Multilateral and plurilateral economic and trade agreements and relations	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	MOREIRA Vital (S&D)	13/07/2011
	Shadow rapporteur FJELLNER Christofer (PPE)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3160	2012-04-24

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	TAJANI Antonio

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/05/2011	Preparatory document	COM(2011)0267	Summary
26/09/2011	Legislative proposal published	13123/2011	Summary
25/10/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

01/03/2012	Vote in committee		
13/03/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0060/2012	Summary
29/03/2012	Decision by Parliament	T7-0098/2012	Summary
29/03/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/04/2012	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/04/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/05/2012	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/0116(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 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p3 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p4
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/7/06064

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE478.518	14/12/2011	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0060/2012	13/03/2012	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0098/2012	29/03/2012	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	13350/2011	25/08/2011	
Legislative proposal	13123/2011	26/09/2011	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2011)0267	18/05/2011	Summary

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

Final act	
Decision 2012/0283 OJ L 141 31.05.2012, p. 0001	Summary

International Rubber Study Group: amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure

2011/0116(NLE) - 13/03/2012 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade unanimously adopted the report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT) in which it recommends the European Parliament to give its consent to the draft Council decision on the conclusion by the European Union of the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG).

Members call on the Commission to work on the expansion of the membership base of the International Rubber Study Group, in particular by engaging with main rubber producing and consuming countries, to closely monitor the workings of the Group, and to report back to the Parliament on any relevant developments within two years of the entry into force of the Group's amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure.

A strong membership base remains a prerequisite for the long-term viability and effectiveness of the IRSG as an authoritative body.

International Rubber Study Group: amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure

2011/0116(NLE) - 29/03/2012 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion by the European Union of the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG).

Parliament gives its consent to the conclusion of the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group. It calls on the Commission to work on the expansion of the membership base of the International Rubber Study Group, in particular by engaging with the main rubber producing and consuming countries, to closely monitor the workings of the Group, and to report back to the Parliament on any relevant developments within two years of the date of entry into force of the Group's amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure.

International Rubber Study Group: amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure

2011/0116(NLE) - 24/04/2012 - Final act

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2012/283/EU on the conclusion by the European Union of the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group.

CONTENT: the Council approved the conclusion of an amended constitution and rules of procedure of the international rubber study group, following the consent given by the European Parliament.

Further to several rounds of negotiation, on 14 July 2011 the Heads of Delegation of the International Rubber Study Group (‘the Group’) agreed on the text of the amendments to the Group’s Constitution and Rules of Procedure.

Those Member States of the Union that were members of the Group have served formal notices of withdrawal and have withdrawn from the Group as from 1 July 2011.

The adoption of the Group’s amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure is indispensable for confirming the Group’s new Headquarters and for making explicit provisions regarding the status of the Union within the Group, as well as for realigning the organisational structure, budget contributions and decision-making procedures.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 24/04/2012.

International Rubber Study Group: amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure

2011/0116(NLE) - 26/09/2011 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to approve on behalf of the European Union the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: further to several rounds of negotiation, on 14 July 2011 the Heads of Delegation of the International Rubber Study Group agreed on the text of the amendments to the Group's Constitution and Rules of Procedure. The Union is a member of the Group.

Those Member States of the Union that were members of the Group have served formal notices of withdrawal and have withdrawn from the Group as from 1 July 2011.

The adoption of the Group's amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure is indispensable for confirming the Group's new Headquarters and for making explicit provisions regarding the status of the Union within the Group, as well as for realigning the organisational structure, budget contributions and decision-making procedures.

The signature, on behalf of the Union, of the Group's amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure has been authorised by a Council Decision which also has provided for their application on a provisional basis, pending the completion of the procedures for their conclusion.

The Group's amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure should be approved

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(3) and (4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) thereof.

CONTENT: with this proposal for a decision, the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group are approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure are attached to the proposal. For further details of the content of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure, please refer to the summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 18 May 2011.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: the proposal has no impact on the EU’s budget.

International Rubber Study Group: amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure

2011/0116(NLE) - 18/05/2011 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(3) and (4) in conjunction with Article 218(6) (a) (v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the European Union became a member of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG) on the basis of Council Decision (2002/651/EC) of 22 July 2002 concerning the participation of the Community to the International Rubber Study Group.

On 1 July 2008, further to the withdrawal of the UK from the IRSG, the Heads of Delegation of the IRSG adopted a decision to move the Group’s Headquarters to Singapore, which required the corresponding adaptation of the relevant provisions of the IRSG Constitution.

At the Executive Committee meeting of 12-13 February 2008 and the Heads of Delegation meeting of 5-6 March 2008 of the IRSG it has been decided to proceed to a more comprehensive revision of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure, *inter alia* allowing also for a definition of “Members” or “Countries” that takes into account the particular legal status of the European Union.

The Commission was authorised by the Council to open negotiations for the revision of the Constitution of the International Rubber Study Group. This authorisation also laid down negotiating directives. In the negotiations for the amendment of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure, the Commission has closely followed these directives and the outcome of the negotiations is in line with the Commission’s negotiating mandate.

The IRSG composition has undergone successive changes, mainly as a result of the withdrawal or announced withdrawal of several existing members, rendering the budget contributions more onerous for the remaining members. In the course of the negotiations, according to its negotiating mandate, the Commission has sought to obtain a rebalancing between the basic and the variable contribution in favour of the latter, so as to minimize the financial burden on the Group’s members which are small producing developing countries. However, at the end of the negotiations only limited changes have been acceptable to other members of the IRSG.

A final draft amendment of the IRSG Constitution and new Rules of Procedure were agreed at the extra-ordinary meeting of the Heads of Delegation on 18-19 November 2010 and formally adopted at the meeting of the Heads of Delegation in 2011. The signature by the European Union of the amended IRSG Constitution and Rules of Procedure was decided by the Council.

Therefore, it is necessary that the Council adopts a decision to conclude the agreement.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the proposal has no implications for the EU budget.