Basic information

2012/0069(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/Moldova Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs **Subject** 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.10 Foodstuffs, foodstuffs legislation 6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin **Geographical area** Moldova	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	MOREIRA Vital (S&D)	25/04/2012
	Shadow rapporteur WINKLER Iuliu (PPE) SCHAAKE Marietje (ALDE) STURDY Robert (ECR)	

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
Foreign Affairs	3170	2012-05-31
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3204	2012-12-03

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	CIOLOŞ Dacian

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/03/2012	Preparatory document	COM(2012)0138	Summary
15/05/2012	Legislative proposal published	08741/2012	Summary
05/07/2012	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/09/2012	Vote in committee		
19/09/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0272/2012	Summary
25/10/2012	Decision by Parliament	T7-0392/2012	Summary
25/10/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
03/12/2012	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
03/12/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/01/2013	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2012/0069(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-p7 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/7/09218

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE492.598	25/06/2012	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0272/2012	19/09/2012	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0392/2012	25/10/2012	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Legislative proposal	08741/2012	15/05/2012	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	08742/2012	15/05/2012	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2012)0138	26/03/2012	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
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Final act

Decision 2013/0007
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EU/Moldova Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

2012/0069(NLE) - 26/03/2012

PURPOSE: conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

LEGAL BASIS: the first subparagraph of 207(4) first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) and Article 218(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the European Union and Moldova, aim at the mutual protection of geographical indications (GIs) in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade as well as to promote the quality in the food chain and stimulate the value for sustainable rural development.

The negotiations proceeded smoothly.

- For the EU, these negotiations had two objectives: on one hand expansion of the protection and use of the geographical indications system (the Republic of Moldova will protect the full list of EU GIs), on the other hand intervention at the source of potential misuses of EU GIs.

- Reciprocally, the Republic of Moldova has an interest to develop and protect their current geographical indications in the EU territory and strengthen its relation with the EU.

The present proposal is the result of bilateral negotiations concluded on 18 April 2011. The agreement provides for a mutual protection of geographical indications (PDOs and PGIs) protected in the respective Parties in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade as well as to promote the quality in the food chain and stimulate the value for sustainable rural development.

It is proposed that the Agreement be concluded on behalf of the Union.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/Moldova Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

2012/0069(NLE) - 26/03/2012 - Preparatory document

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PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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It is proposed that the Agreement be concluded on behalf of the Union.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/Moldova Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

2012/0069(NLE) - 15/05/2012 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the Union, an Agreement between the European Union and Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs. The Agreement will allow the reciprocal protection of the geographical indications of the Union and Moldova, as well as contribute to the approximation of legislation among the neighbouring countries of the Union.

In accordance with a Council Decision, the Agreement was signed, subject to its conclusion.

The Agreement should now be approved on behalf of the European Union.

LEGAL BASIS: the first subparagraph of 207(4) first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) and Article 218(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the European Union and Moldova, aim at the mutual protection of geographical indications (GIs) in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade as well as to promote the quality in the food chain and stimulate the value for sustainable rural development.

The negotiations proceeded smoothly.

- For the EU, these negotiations had two objectives: on one hand expansion of the protection and use of the geographical indications system (the Republic of Moldova will protect the full list of EU GIs), on the other hand intervention at the source of potential misuses of EU GIs.
- Reciprocally, the Republic of Moldova has an interest to develop and protect their current geographical indications in the EU territory and strengthen its relation with the EU.

The present proposal is the result of bilateral negotiations concluded on 18 April 2011. The agreement provides for a mutual protection of geographical indications (PDOs and PGIs) protected in the respective Parties in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade as well as to promote the quality in the food chain and stimulate the value for sustainable rural development.

Institutional aspects: certain tasks for implementation of the Agreement have been attributed to the Joint Committee set up pursuant to Article 11 thereof, including the power to amend certain technical aspects of the Agreement as well as certain Annexes thereto. The internal procedure for establishing the Union's position in that Joint Committee on matters relating to the Agreement should be defined. Other provisions are provided as regards the designations of origin for agricultural products and the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of spirit drinks.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/Moldova Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

2012/0069(NLE) - 19/09/2012 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade unanimously adopted the recommendation by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

The Agreement protects the interests of the Union and opens the way for the strengthening of trade relations between the European Union and Moldova.

EU/Moldova Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

2012/0069(NLE) - 25/10/2012 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the proposed Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

The European Parliament consents to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/Moldova Agreement: protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

2012/0069(NLE) - 03/12/2012 - Final act

PURPOSE: conclusion of the Agreement between the EU and Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2013/7/EU on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the Union, an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs. The Agreement will allow the reciprocal protection of the geographical indications of the Union and the Republic of Moldova, as well as contribute to the approximation of legislation among the neighbouring countries of the Union.

In accordance with Council Decision 2012/292/EU of 31 May 2012, the Agreement was signed on 26 June 2012, subject to its conclusion.

The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: this decision marks the approval on behalf of the Union of the agreement between the EU and Moldova on the protection of geographical indications (GIs) of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

The Agreement seeks to improve the conditions of bilateral trade as well as to promote the quality in the food chain and stimulate sustainable rural development.

- For the EU, the Agreement will facilitate the expansion of the protection and use of the geographical indications system (the Republic of Moldova will protect the full list of EU GIs), as well as the intervention at the source of potential misuses of EU GIs.
- For Moldova, the Agreement will enable the development and protection of its current geographical indications in the EU territory and strengthen its relation with the EU.

Management of the Agreement: certain tasks for the implementation of the Agreement have been attributed to the Joint Committee set up pursuant to Article 11 thereof, including the power to amend certain technical aspects of the Agreement as well as certain Annexes thereto. The internal procedure is defined to this effect giving the Commission the power to decide on certain detailed provisions on the methods for the use of geographical indications

(and only in the case of litigation or objection to the use of GIs) in accordance with the executive competences conferred by Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 3 December 2012. The Agreement will enter into force once the necessary procedures to this effect have been completed.