Basic information

2013/0387(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Canary Islands: exemptions from or reductions in the AIEM tax, period of application Amending Decision 2002/546/EC 2001/0284(CNS) **Subject** 2.70.02 Indirect taxation, VAT, excise duties 4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories **Geographical area** Spain	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
REGI Regional Development	HÜBNER Danuta Maria (PPE)	28/11/2013

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3287	2013-12-17

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/11/2013	Legislative proposal published	COM(2013)0781	Summary
28/11/2013	Vote in committee		
05/12/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0431/2013	Summary

09/12/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/12/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0557/2013	Summary
11/12/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/12/2013	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/12/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/12/2013	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0387(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amending Decision 2002/546/EC 2001/0284(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 349-p1sub1-as1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	REGI/7/14542

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE524.495	20/11/2013	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0431/2013	05/12/2013	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0557/2013	11/12/2013	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2013)0781	12/11/2013	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2013/1413
OJ L 353 28.12.2013, p. 0013

Summary

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2013/0387(CNS) - 12/11/2013 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to extend the period of application of Decision 2002/546/EC.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: Council Decision 2002/546/EC authorises Spain, up to 31 December 2011, to apply exemptions from or reductions in the 'Arbitrio sobre Importaciones y Entregas de Mercancías en las Islas Canarias' ('AIEM') to certain products produced locally in the Canary Islands. Council Decision 895/2011/EU amended Decision 2002/546/EC, extending its period of application up to 31 December 2013.

The exemptions from and reductions in the AIEM establish differentiated taxation, benefiting the local production of some products. This constitutes state aid that requires the approval of the Commission.

On 28 June 2013 the Commission has adopted its Guidelines on regional State aid for 2014-2020. Given that these Guidelines will enter into force on 1 July 2014, the Commission considers it necessary to extend the period of application of Decision 2002/546/EC, as amended by Decision 895/2011/EU, for **six months**, so that its expiry date coincides with the date of entry into force of the Guidelines.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the proposal seeks to extend to **30 June 2014** the period of application of Decision 2002/546/EC (as amended by Decision 895/2011/EU) for six months, so that its expiry date coincides with the date of entry into force of the Guidelines on regional State aid for 2014-2020.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal has no impact on the budget of the European Union.

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2013/0387(CNS) - 17/12/2013 - Final act

PURPOSE: to extend the period of application of Decision 2002/546/EC for six months.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision No 1413/2013/EU amending Decision 2002/546/EC as regards its period of application.

CONTENT: Council Decision 2002/546/EC authorises Spain to apply exemptions from, or reductions in, the tax known as '*Arbitrio sobre Importaciones y Entregas de Mercancías en las Islas Canarias*' ('AIEM') to certain products produced in the Canary Islands. The Annex to that Decision contains a list of products to which tax exemptions and reductions may be applied.

The exemptions from, and reductions in, the AIEM establish differentiated taxation, benefiting the local production of some products. This constitutes state aid that requires the approval of the Commission.

Council Decision 2002/546/EC was originally applicable until 31 December 2011. At the end of 2011, Council Decision 895/2011/EU amended Decision 2002/546/EC, extending its period of application until 31 December 2013.

On 28 June 2013, the Commission adopted its Guidelines on regional state aid for 2014-2020. These Guidelines, which will enter into force on 1 July 2014.

Since the structural, social and economic situation in the Canary Islands is still in place, this Decision **extends the period of application of Decision 2002/546/EC for six months, until 30 June 2014** so that its expiry date coincides with the date of entry into force of the Guidelines on regional state aid for 2014–2020.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 17.12.2013.

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2013/0387(CNS) - 11/12/2013 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 537 votes to 41, with 5 abstentions, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (European Parliament consultation), a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision amending Decision 2002/546/EC as regards its period of application.

Following its Committee on Regional Development, Parliament approved the Commission proposal without amendment.

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2013/0387(CNS) - 05/12/2013 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

By adopting the report by Danuta Maria HÜBNER (EPP, PL) in the framework of a special legislative procedure (European Parliament consultation), the Committee on Regional Development approved, without amendment, the proposal for a Council decision amending Decision 2002/546/EC as regards its period of application.

Given that this proposed measure is intended at continuing to stimulate economic activity and stabilising employment in this outermost region, and that the extension is proposed for a limited period of time, the report suggested that this proposal be adopted without amendment.