




Basic information	
<p><b>2015/0203(NLE)</b></p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement</p> <p>See also <a href="#">1995/0363(AVC)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>3.10.02 Processed products, agri-foodstuffs  3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock  3.15.06 Fishing industry and statistics, fishery products  6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations  6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin</p> <p><b>Geographical area</b></p> <p>Morocco</p>	Preparatory phase in Parliament

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">INTA</a>	International Trade		
	<b>Former committee responsible</b>		<b>Former rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">INTA</a>	International Trade	VAN BREMPT Kathleen (S&D)	23/09/2019
	<a href="#">INTA</a>	International Trade		
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">AGRI</a>	Agriculture and Rural Development		
	<a href="#">PECH</a>	Fisheries		
	<b>Former committee for opinion</b>		<b>Former rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">AGRI</a>	Agriculture and Rural Development		

	<a href="#">AGRI</a> Agriculture and Rural Development		
	<a href="#">PECH</a> Fisheries		
	<a href="#">PECH</a> Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Agriculture and Rural Development	HOGAN Phil	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/09/2015	Preparatory document	COM(2015)0446 	Summary

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2015/0203(NLE)
<b>Procedure type</b>	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Consent by Parliament
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	See also <a href="#">1995/0363(AVC)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p4 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p7 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Preparatory phase in Parliament

Documentation gateway			
European Commission			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2015)0446 	15/09/2015	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2015)0448 	15/09/2015	

#### Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

## EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

2015/0203(NLE) - 15/09/2015 - Preparatory document

**PURPOSE:** to conclude the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Morocco concerning protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND:** both Parties, the EU and Morocco, aim to protect geographical indications (GIs) on both sides in order to improve the conditions of bilateral trade, promote quality in the food chain and stimulate sustainable rural development under the terms of the Euro-Mediterranean Roadmap for Agriculture.

Article 9 of Protocol 1 and Article 8 of Protocol 2 to the Association Agreement with Morocco, as amended by the Agreement on Agriculture, made provision for opening negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products.

Those negotiations went smoothly and the present proposal is the result of bilateral negotiations concluded on 16 January 2015.

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

**CONTENT:** The agreement provides for protection of geographical indications (PDOs and PGIs) which are protected in the respective Parties.

For the EU, the main objectives of the Agreement are:

- to foster the protection and use of geographical indications (Morocco will protect the full list of EU geographical indications),
- to intervene in the event of any misuse of EU geographical indications.

Morocco, for its part, has an interest to foster and protect its current geographical indications on EU territory and strengthen its relations with the EU.

The Agreement also aims to promote and enhance quality production.

**Joint Committee and management of the Agreement:** each of the Parties has conducted an examination and public consultation on the protection of its geographical indications and designations of origin. The Joint Committee has been entrusted with certain aspects of its implementation, in particular the power to amend certain technical aspects and certain Annexes thereto. The Commission should be authorised to represent the Union in the Joint Committee.