Basic information

2016/0202(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft: amending Annex. 2015 Protocol **Subject** 3.40.05 Aeronautical industry, aerospace industry 6.20.01 Agreements and relations in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin 6.20.05 Multilateral and plurilateral economic and trade agreements and relations	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	RODRÍGUEZ-PIÑERO Inma (S&D)	31/08/2016
	Shadow rapporteur CICU Salvatore (PPE) CAMPBELL BANNERMAN David (ECR) DE SARNEZ Marielle (ALDE) KOULOGLOU Stelios (GUE/NGL) BUCHNER Klaus (Verts/ALE)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	3523	2017-03-03

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Trade and Economic Security	MALMSTRÖM Cecilia

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
05/07/2016	Preparatory document	COM(2016)0440	Summary
12/09/2016	Legislative proposal published	11018/2016	Summary
06/10/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/01/2017	Vote in committee		
26/01/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0007/2017	Summary
15/02/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0034/2017	Summary
15/02/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
03/03/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
03/03/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/03/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/0202(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/8/07036

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE592.339	28/10/2016	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0007/2017	26/01/2017	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0034/2017	15/02/2017	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	11018/2016	12/09/2016	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	11019/2016	12/09/2016	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2016)0440	05/07/2016	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2017/0446 OJ L 069 15.03.2017, p. 0001	Summary

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft: amending Annex. 2015 Protocol

2016/0202(NLE) - 15/02/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 657 votes to 29, with 14 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

In line with the recommendation made by the Committee on International Trade, Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft: amending Annex. 2015 Protocol

2016/0202(NLE) - 12/09/2016 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

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: by means of Decision 80/271/EEC, the Council approved the conclusion of the GATT Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

Signatories to the Agreement, through their representatives, agreed to open the Protocol (2015) Amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft (the Protocol) for acceptance in Geneva on 5 November 2015, transposing into the Annex to the Agreement the changes introduced in the 2007 version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.

The Protocol should now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision seeks the **approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft**.

For further details on the Protocol please refer to the summary of the Commission's initial legislative proposal from 5 July 2016.

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft: amending Annex. 2015 Protocol

2016/0202(NLE) - 05/07/2016 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol (2015) Amending the Product Coverage Annex of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft (ATCA).

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: the 1979 World Trade Organisation (WTO) plurilateral Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft was adopted as part of the Tokyo Round. It entered into force on 1 January 1980 and it now has 32 signatories.

This Agreement **eliminates import duties on all aircraft**, other than military aircraft, as well as on all other products covered by the agreement, in particular civil aircraft engines and their parts and components, all components and sub-assemblies of civil aircraft, and flight simulators and their parts and components.

It contains disciplines on government-directed procurement of civil aircraft and prohibition of inducements to purchase, as well as on government financial support for the civil aircraft sector.

The Annex to the Agreement **lists the products that shall be accorded duty-free or duty-exempt treatment**, if such products are for the use in civil aircraft or ground flying trainers and for incorporation therein, in the course of their manufacture, repair, maintenance rebuilding, modification or conversion.

Products in the Annex of the Agreement are classified according to their respective tariff headings for customs purposes under the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System) developed by the World Customs Organization.

Since the adoption of the ATCA, different versions of Harmonized System have been adopted.

In November 2001, members adopted a Protocol Amending the Annex to the ATCA, transposing into the Annex the changes introduced in the 1992, 1996 and 2002 versions of the Harmonised System.

Another revision of the Harmonized System took place in 2007. On 5 November 2015, after several years of discussions, the WTO Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft agreed to open for acceptance the revised Product Coverage of the 1979 Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft via the Protocol amending the annex to the ATCA.

CONTENT: the Commission is presenting the Commission is submitting a proposal to the Council for a decision on the **conclusion of the Protocol amending the Product Coverage Annex of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft**.

The protocol covers matters that fall under the common commercial policy and the amendment concerns a technical update of an international agreement without altering its scope or content.

The new Protocol open for acceptance on 5th November 2015 by the WTO Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft will modify the 2001 Protocol to make it compatible with the 2007 version of the Harmonized System.

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft: amending Annex. 2015 Protocol

2016/0202(NLE) - 26/01/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Inmaculada RODRÍGUEZ-PIÑERO FERNÁNDEZ (S&D, ES) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to **give its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

As a reminder, the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft (ATCA), which was signed by 32 parties and entered into force in 1980, eliminates import duties on all aircraft, other than military aircraft, as well as on all other products covered by the agreement - civil aircraft, all components and sub-assemblies of civil aircraft, and flight simulators.

The Agreement contains a product coverage Annex which lists the products that shall be accorded duty-free treatment. Products in the Annex are classified according to their respective tariff headings under the harmonized system. Since the adoption of the ATCA, different versions of the harmonized system have been adopted, in particular in 2007. Therefore, in November 2015, the Civil Aircraft Committee adopted a protocol amending this Annex of the Agreement, in order to transpose the changes introduced in the 2007 version of the harmonized system.

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft: amending Annex. 2015 Protocol

2016/0202(NLE) - 03/03/2017 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (UE) 2017/446 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft

CONTENT: the Council **approved the conclusion of the Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft, on behalf of the EU**.

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The amendments relate to the **list of products** accorded duty-free or duty-exempt treatment, set out in the Annex to the Agreement, transposing into the Annex the changes introduced in the 2007 version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 3.3.2017.

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft: amending Annex. 2015 Protocol

2016/0202(NLE) - 05/07/2016

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PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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