Basic information

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EU/New Zealand Agreement: modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the EU **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin **Geographical area** New Zealand	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	CASPARY Daniel (PPE)	10/07/2017
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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	3556	2017-07-17

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Trade and Economic Security	MALMSTRÖM Cecilia

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
		COM(2017)0333	Summary

22/06/2017	Preparatory document		
10/07/2017	Legislative proposal published	10670/2017	
16/04/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/06/2018	Vote in committee		
25/06/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0220/2018	Summary
04/07/2018	Decision by Parliament	T8-0287/2018	Summary
04/07/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/07/2018	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/07/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/07/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	INTA/8/10282

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE620.814	20/04/2018	
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Council of the EU

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Legislative proposal	10670/2017	10/07/2017	
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European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

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Final act	
Decision 2018/1030 OJ L 185 23.07.2018, p. 0001	Summary

EU/New Zealand Agreement: modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the EU

2017/0137(NLE) - 25/06/2018 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Daniel CASPARY on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

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

The present agreement between the EU and New Zealand was negotiated following the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. With the accession of Croatia, the European Union enlarged its customs union. Consequently, under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules (Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994) the EU has to enter into negotiations with WTO Members having negotiating rights related to the tariff schedule of Croatia in order to eventually agree on a compensatory adjustment.

This proposal invites the Council to adopt a Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

The negotiations with New Zealand resulted in an agreement which contains the following:

- add 1 875 tonnes to the EU tariff rate quota (TRQ) 'Meat of bovine animals, frozen – Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen', tariff item numbers 0202 and 0206.29.91, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 20%. The new tariff rate quota shall be 54 875 tonnes;
- add 135 tonnes (carcase weight) to the allocation for New Zealand under the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen', tariff item number 0204, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 0%. The new tariff rate quota allocation to New Zealand shall be 228 389 tonnes.

EU/New Zealand Agreement: modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the EU

2017/0137(NLE) - 22/06/2017 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV: 6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

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: with the accession of Croatia, the European Union enlarged its customs union. Consequently, it was required under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules to enter into negotiations with WTO Members having negotiating rights related to the tariff schedule of Croatia in order to eventually agree on a compensatory adjustment.

On 15 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations under Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994. The Commission negotiated with the Members of the WTO holding negotiating rights with respect to the withdrawal of specific concessions in relation to the withdrawal of the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

Negotiations with New Zealand resulted in a draft Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters that was initialled on 18 May 2017 in Geneva. It is now necessary to conclude the Agreement.

CONTENT: with this proposal, the Council is called on to adopt a decision on the **conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand** pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

In parallel, a separate proposal on the signature of this Agreement is also submitted.

Negotiations with New Zealand resulted in the following Agreement:

- add 1 875 tonnes to the EU tariff rate quota **'Meat of bovine animals, frozen – Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen'**, tariff item numbers 0202 and 0206.29.91, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 20%. The new tariff rate quota shall be 54 875 tonnes;
- add 135 tonnes (carcase weight) to the allocation for New Zealand under the EU tariff rate quota **'Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen'**, tariff item number 0204, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 0%. The new tariff rate quota allocation to New Zealand shall be 228 389 tonnes.

The Commission will adopt implementing Regulations to expand and manage the relevant quotas. These implementation measures are being prepared in parallel to this proposal.

EU/New Zealand Agreement: modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the EU

2017/0137(NLE) - 13/07/2018 - Final act

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2018/1030 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

CONTENT: the Council approved, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

On 15 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with certain other members of the World Trade Organisation under the GATT in the context of Croatia's accession to the European Union.

The negotiations with New Zealand resulted in an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters which was signed, on behalf of the Union, on 13 March 2018, subject to its conclusion at a later date. This agreement contains the following elements:

- **add 1 875 tonnes** to the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of bovine animals, frozen – Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen', tariff item numbers 0202 and 0206.29.91, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 20%. The new tariff rate quota shall be 54 875 tonnes;
- **add 135 tonnes** (carcase weight) to the allocation for New Zealand under the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen', tariff item number 0204, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 0%. The new tariff rate quota allocation to New Zealand shall be 228 389 tonnes.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 13.7.2018.

EU/New Zealand Agreement: modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the EU

2017/0137(NLE) - 22/06/2017

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV: 6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

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: with the accession of Croatia, the European Union enlarged its customs union. Consequently, it was required under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules to enter into negotiations with WTO Members having negotiating rights related to the tariff schedule of Croatia in order to eventually agree on a compensatory adjustment.

On 15 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations under Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994. The Commission negotiated with the Members of the WTO holding negotiating rights with respect to the withdrawal of specific concessions in relation to the withdrawal of the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

Negotiations with New Zealand resulted in a draft Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters that was initialled on 18 May 2017 in Geneva. It is now necessary to conclude the Agreement.

CONTENT: with this proposal, the Council is called on to adopt a decision on the **conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand** pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

In parallel, a separate proposal on the signature of this Agreement is also submitted.

Negotiations with New Zealand resulted in the following Agreement:

- add 1 875 tonnes to the EU tariff rate quota **'Meat of bovine animals, frozen – Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen'**, tariff item numbers 0202 and 0206.29.91, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 20%. The new tariff rate quota shall be 54 875 tonnes;
- add 135 tonnes (carcase weight) to the allocation for New Zealand under the EU tariff rate quota **'Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen'**, tariff item number 0204, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 0%. The new tariff rate quota allocation to New Zealand shall be 228 389 tonnes.

The Commission will adopt implementing Regulations to expand and manage the relevant quotas. These implementation measures are being prepared in parallel to this proposal.

EU/New Zealand Agreement: modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the EU

2017/0137(NLE) - 04/07/2018 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 565 votes to 75, with 34 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

The Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand was negotiated following the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. With the accession of Croatia, the European Union enlarged its customs union. Consequently, under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules (Article XXIV:6 of the GATT 1994) the EU has to enter into negotiations with WTO Members having negotiating rights related to the tariff schedule of Croatia in order to eventually agree on a compensatory adjustment. Such adjustment is due if the adoption of the EU’s external tariff regime results in an increase in tariff beyond the level for which the acceding country has bound itself at the WTO.

Negotiations with New Zealand resulted in a draft Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters that was initialled on 18 May 2017 and signed on 13 March 2018.