Basic information

2020/0230(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/Norway Agreement: modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union **Subject** 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 **Geographical area** Norway	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	WARBORN Jörgen (EPP)	01/10/2020
	Shadow rapporteur BELKA Marek (S&D) PAET Urmas (Renew) BÜTIKOFER Reinhard (Greens/EFA) BOURGEOIS Geert (ECR) MAUREL Emmanuel (GUE/NGL)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Agriculture and Rural Development	WOJCIECHOWSKI Janusz

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/09/2020	Preparatory document	COM(2020)0479	
29/09/2020	Legislative proposal published	10643/2020	
18/01/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/02/2021	Vote in committee		
04/03/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0035/2021	Summary
27/04/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0120/2021	Summary
12/05/2021	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/05/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/0230(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-p4
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/9/04088

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE658.924	16/10/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0035/2021	04/03/2021	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0120/2021	27/04/2021	Summary

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Legislative proposal	10643/2020	29/09/2020	

Document attached to the procedure	10644/2020	29/09/2020	

European Commission

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Preparatory document	COM(2020)0479	07/09/2020	

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

Final act
Decision 2021/0803 OJ L 181 21.05.2021, p. 0001

EU/Norway Agreement: modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

2020/0230(NLE) - 27/04/2021 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 686 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and Norway relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

Following the recommendation of the International Trade Committee, Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

On 15 June 2018, the Council authorised the Commission to launch GATT Article XXVIII negotiations with the relevant WTO members with a view to apportioning the Union's WTO concessions on tariff quota concessions.

The aim is to maintain the full existing volume of each tariff rate quota in the future, but to split it across two separate customs territories: the EU-27 and the UK.

Negotiations with Norway resulted in an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters which was initialled in Geneva on 7-8 July 2020.

EU/Norway Agreement: modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

2020/0230(NLE) - 04/03/2021 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Jörgen WARBORN (EPP, SE) on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and Norway relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

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

As a reminder, the EU formally launched the negotiation process (under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994) with several WTO members in Geneva in October 2018.

The negotiations are based on a ‘joint approach’ developed in 2017 by the EU and the UK on how to ‘apportion’ the quantitative commitments contained in the EU-28's WTO schedule for the 143 EU agricultural, fish and industrial WTO tariff-rate quotas.

The aim is to maintain the full existing volume of each tariff quota in the future, but to divide it between two separate customs territories: the EU-27 and the UK.

The principle behind the applied methodology is based on trade flows to the EU-27 and the UK during a representative reference period (of three years between 2013 and 2015) for all WTO tariff-rate quotas.

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