Basic information

2021/0029(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/Australia 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 6.40.11 Relations with industrialised countries **Geographical area** Australia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	CASPARY Daniel (EPP)	11/02/2021
	Shadow rapporteur SILVA PEREIRA Pedro (S&D) KARLSBRO Karin (Renew) CAVAZZINI Anna (Greens/EFA) ZAHRADIL Jan (ECR) LANCINI Danilo Oscar (ID)	

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.	

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European Union	
European Commission	

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	WOJCIECHOWSKI Janusz

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/02/2021	Preparatory document	COM(2021)0052	
26/02/2021	Legislative proposal published	06102/2021	
07/10/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/10/2021	Vote in committee		
05/11/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0306/2021	
11/11/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0450/2021	Summary
16/12/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		
17/12/2021	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/0029(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/9/05351

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE689.579	10/03/2021	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0306/2021	05/11/2021	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0450/2021	11/11/2021	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	06102/2021	26/02/2021	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2021)0051	10/02/2021	
Preparatory document	COM(2021)0052	10/02/2021	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2021/2234
OJ L 452 16.12.2021, p. 0001

EU/Australia 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

2021/0029(NLE) - 11/11/2021 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 451 votes to 53, with 62 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Commonwealth of Australia pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 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 Committee on International Trade, Parliament **gave 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 allocate the quantitative commitments contained in the EU-28's WTO schedule for the EU's 143 WTO tariff-rate quotas for agricultural, fisheries and industrial products.

The principle of the applied methodology is based on the trade flows in the EU-27 and the UK over a representative reference period (of three years between 2013 and 2015) for all WTO tariff-rate quotas. The agreed methodology of the apportionment is described in detail in Regulation (EU) 2019 /216 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

On 15 June 2018, the Council authorised the Commission to launch negotiations under Article XXVIII GATT with the relevant WTO Members, including Australia, with a view to apportioning the Union's WTO concessions on tariff-rate quotas.

Australia has negotiating rights for 14 tariff quotas and consultation rights for 6 tariff quotas. Negotiations with Australia resulted in an agreement that was initialled on 18 December 2020 in Geneva.