Basic information

2022/0231(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/United States 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** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin **Geographical area** United States	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	LANGE Bernd (S&D)	22/03/2021
	Shadow rapporteur HÜBNER Danuta Maria (EPP) BÜTIKOFER Reinhard (Greens/EFA) BOURGEOIS Geert (ECR) LANCINI Danilo Oscar (ID) SCHOLZ Helmut (The Left)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
European External Action Service	BORRELL FONTELLES Josep

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/08/2022	Preparatory document	COM(2022)0380	Summary
18/01/2023	Legislative proposal published	11723/2022	Summary
19/01/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/03/2023	Vote in committee		
06/03/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0042/2023	Summary
15/03/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0073/2023	Summary
15/03/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
25/04/2023	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
05/05/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/0231(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/9/09931

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE740.856	06/02/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0042/2023	06/03/2023	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0073/2023	15/03/2023	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	11723/2022	18/01/2023	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2022)0379	02/08/2022	
Preparatory document	COM(2022)0380	02/08/2022	Summary

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

Final act
Decision 2023/0912 OJ L 119 05.05.2023, p. 0001

EU/United States 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

2022/0231(NLE) - 15/03/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 522 votes to 15, with 43 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America 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.

The objective of the Agreement is to provide for the apportionment of the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 as a consequence of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the Union, pursuant to Article XXVIII of GATT 1994.

The United States of America has negotiating rights for 70 tariff rate quotas and consultation rights for 16 tariff rate quotas. For the majority of the tariff quotas that concern the US, the US has accepted the original EU proposed apportioned volumes.

Changes in volumes have been agreed for tariff rate quotas in the following sectors: beef, pigmeat, skimmed milk powder, potatoes, tomatoes and carrots, cucumbers, dried onions, almonds, cherries, common wheat, cereals, paddy rice, semi-milled or wholly milled rice, broken rice, grape juice, food preparations, fruit juices, animal feed preparations, dog and cat food, shrimps and plywood.

EU/United States 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

2022/0231(NLE) - 18/01/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America 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.

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 Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America 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 was signed on behalf of the Union subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The Agreement should be approved.

CONTENT: the Council’s draft aims to approve the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America 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.

The objective of the Agreement is to provide for the apportionment of the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 as a consequence of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the Union, pursuant to Article XXVIII of GATT 1994.

EU/United States 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

2022/0231(NLE) - 06/03/2023 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America 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.

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

As a reminder, in October 2018, in the run up to the UK’s withdrawal from the EU, the EU formally launched the negotiations process (under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994) with a number of WTO Members in Geneva. The underlying principle of the negotiations is a ‘joint approach’ developed between the EU and the UK back in 2017 on how to ‘apportion’ the quantitative commitments contained in the EU28 WTO schedule for the 143 EU agricultural, fish and industrial WTO tariff rate quotas (TRQs).

For the majority of the TRQs where the USA is concerned, the apportioned volumes proposed by the EU were accepted by the USA. Changes in volumes have been agreed for some TRQs mostly to take into account a more recent reference period or avoid non-commercially viable volumes on the UK side. In addition, the EU27 share of the USA and Canada’s country-specific beef TRQ will be revised and the in-quota rate for the erga omnes beef TRQ will be reduced.

Negotiations with the USA resulted in an Agreement that was initialled on 5 March 2021 in Geneva. The relevant Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and Council and Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/761 and (EU) 2020/1988 will be amended to reflect these amended TRQ volumes. Consequently, the European Commission proposes to the Council to authorise the conclusion of the Agreement.

The objective of the Agreement is to provide for the apportionment of the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 as a consequence of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the Union, pursuant to Article XXVIII of GATT 1994.

EU/United States 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

2022/0231(NLE) - 02/08/2022 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America 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.

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: in October 2018, the EU formally launched the negotiations process (under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994) with a number of WTO Members in Geneva. The underlying principle of the negotiations is a ‘joint approach’ developed between the EU and the UK back in 2017 on how to ‘apportion’ the quantitative commitments contained in the EU28 WTO schedule for the 143 EU agricultural, fish and industrial WTO tariff rate quotas (TRQs).

The principle of the applied methodology is based on the trade flows into the EU27 and the UK during a representative reference period (of 3 years from 2013 to 2015) for all WTO TRQs. 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 GATT Article XXVIII negotiations with the WTO Members concerned with a view to allocating the Union's WTO tariff rate quota concessions.

The European Commission had previously presented a proposal for a Council decision on the same agreement. Prior to the signature of the agreement, at the request of the US, a change was made to the language regime and, following negotiations with other WTO partners, the volume of two tariff rate quotas (for fruit juices and plywood) was modified. As a result of these changes, the Commission is presenting a new proposal for a Council Decision.

The Council (Trade Policy Committee) has been regularly consulted on the content and progress of the negotiations. The European Commission therefore proposes that the Council authorise the signature of the agreement, subject to its conclusion at a later stage.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council decide to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions with respect to all tariff rate quotas in EU Schedule CLXXV following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU.

The objective of the Agreement is to provide for the apportionment of the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union, pursuant to Article XXVIII of GATT 1994.

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