Basic information

2023/0296(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/Egypt 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** Egypt	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade		
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	LINS Norbert (EPP)	28/11/2023

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	WOJCIECHOWSKI Janusz

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/08/2023	Preparatory document	COM(2023)0484	
22/12/2023	Legislative proposal published	12361/2023	Summary
25/01/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
07/03/2024	Vote in committee		
08/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0078/2024	Summary
10/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0210/2024	Summary
10/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/04/2024	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
31/05/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0296(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p4 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/9/13221

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Specific opinion	AGRI	PE757.041	29/11/2023	
Committee draft report		PE757.170	05/12/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0078/2024	08/03/2024	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0210/2024	10/04/2024	Summary

Council of the EU

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Legislative proposal	12361/2023	22/12/2023	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2023)0484	16/08/2023	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2023)0490	16/08/2023	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2024/1361 OJ OJ L 31.05.2024	Summary

EU/Egypt 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

2023/0296(NLE) - 08/03/2024 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on international trade adopted the report by Marco CAMPOMENOSI (ID, IT) 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 Arab Republic of Egypt 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 recommended that the European Parliament **give its consent** to the conclusion of the Protocol.

In 2018, the EU formally launched the negotiations process under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) of 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 (TRQ).The basis of this approach was that the existing volume of each TRQ would be fully maintained in the future, but split across two separate customs territories: the EU27 and the UK.

The Arab Republic of Egypt has negotiating rights for one erga omnes TRQ on cucumbers. A change in volume has been agreed for this TRQ. The EU27 share had been revised to 647 tonnes, taking into account the reference period from 2013 to 2016.

Negotiations with Egypt resulted in an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters that was initialled on 22 May 2023 in Geneva.

EU/Egypt 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

2023/0296(NLE) - 22/12/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt 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.

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 2018, the European Union officially launched the negotiation process under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 with several WTO members in Geneva.

The Arab Republic of Egypt has negotiating rights for an erga omnes quota on cucumbers. An agreement has been reached to modify the volume of this tariff quota.

Negotiations with Egypt resulted in an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters, which was initialled in Geneva on 22 May 2023.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision seeks to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt 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, pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, for the apportionment of the tariff rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the Union.

On the conclusion of the negotiations, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the European Union agreed on the following:

- with respect to **tariff rate quota 048** (cucumbers, fresh or chilled, from 1 November to 15 May), Egypt and the European Union agree to the following change to the scheduled commitment: the European Union's volume of this erga omnes quota shall be adjusted to **647 tonnes**;

- with respect to tariff rate quota 048, the European Union will acknowledge Egypt's initial negotiating right;

- the European Union and Egypt acknowledge that the European Union is continuing to conduct negotiations and consultations with other WTO Members holding negotiating or consultation rights under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union as communicated to WTO Members. As a result of those negotiations and consultations, the European Union may consider a change to the volume set out above for tariff rate quota 048. In the event of such a change, the European Union shall consult Egypt with a view to seeking a mutually satisfactory outcome before proceeding to any such change.

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2023/0296(NLE) - 10/04/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 493 votes to 5, with 107 abstentions, a legislative resolution 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 Arab Republic of Egypt 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.

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

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

On the conclusion of the negotiations, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the European Union agreed on the following:

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Negotiations with Egypt resulted in an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters that was initialled on 22 May 2023 in Geneva.

EU/Egypt 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

2023/0296(NLE) - 31/05/2024 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt 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.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2024/1361 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 Arab Republic of Egypt 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.

BACKGROUND: in 2018, the EU formally launched the negotiations process under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) of 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 (TRQ). The basis of this approach was that the existing volume of each TRQ would be fully maintained in the future, but split across two separate customs territories: the EU27 and the UK.

The Arab Republic of Egypt has negotiating rights for one erga omnes TRQ on cucumbers. A change in volume has been agreed for this TRQ. The EU27 share had been revised to 647 tonnes, taking into account the reference period from 2013 to 2016.

Negotiations with Egypt resulted in an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters that was initialled on 22 May 2023 in Geneva.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt 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 is hereby approved on behalf of the Union

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

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- with respect to tariff rate quota 048, the European Union will acknowledge Egypt's initial negotiating right.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 22.04.2024.