

Basic information	
<p>2023/0303(NLE)</p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments</p> <p>EU/Argentina 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</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Argentina</p>	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	INTA International Trade		CAÑAS Jordi (Renew)	24/10/2023
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Council of the European Union				
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
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Key events			

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/08/2023	Preparatory document	COM(2023)0494	
07/12/2023	Legislative proposal published	12378/2023	Summary
18/01/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
07/03/2024	Vote in committee		
11/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0083/2024	Summary
10/04/2024	Decision by Parliament	T9-0211/2024	Summary
10/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/04/2024	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/05/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/0303(NLE)
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Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
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Committee dossier	INTA/9/13223

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Specific opinion	AGRI	PE757.042	29/11/2023	
Committee draft report		PE756.031	30/11/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0083/2024	11/03/2024	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0211/2024	10/04/2024	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	12378/2023	07/12/2023	Summary	
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2023)0493	18/08/2023		
Preparatory document	COM(2023)0494	18/08/2023		

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

[Decision 2024/1334](#)
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[Summary](#)

[Corrigendum to final act 32024D1334R\(01\)](#)
[OJ OJ L 23.05.2024](#)

EU/Argentina 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

2023/0303(NLE) - 17/05/2024 - 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 Argentine Republic amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic 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) 2024/1334 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 Argentine Republic amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic 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 negotiations between EU and Argentina resulted in the signature of the relevant Agreement on 10 May 2021. The Agreement entered into force on 13 July 2021. The Agreement provides that the EU should inform Argentina in the case the result of the negotiations between the EU and other WTO Members with rights under Article XXVIII would change the shares agreed in their bilateral negotiations.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic 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 amend the Agreement between the Union and Argentina signed on 10 May 2021 in relation of the volume of two tariff-rate quotas and 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.

Following negotiations between the EU and other WTO members benefiting from rights under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994, the EU has agreed to modify the shares of two tariff quotas for which Argentina has negotiating rights, as follows:

- Tariff rate quota 030 (skimmed milk powder): the EU share of the erga omnes quota is revised to 62 917 tonnes to avoid a non-commercially viable volume on UK side;

- Tariff rate quota 110 (fruit juice): the Union share of the erga omnes quota is revised to 6 551 tonnes, taking into account trade in reference periods 2015-2017 and 2016-2018.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25.09.2023.

EU/Argentina 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

2023/0303(NLE) - 07/12/2023 - 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 Argentine Republic amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic 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: on 10 May 2021, the EU and Argentina signed an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters with a view to concluding negotiations in accordance with Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994, which entered into force on 13 July 2021.

The agreement of 10 May 2021 states that "it shall not prejudice negotiations between the European Union and other Members of the WTO benefiting from rights under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 with respect to the erga omnes tariff quotas concerned".

Following negotiations with other WTO members, the EU agreed to modify the allocation of two tariff quotas for which Argentina has negotiating rights. As a result, the initial agreement with Argentina must be amended as regards the volume for the EU-27 for these two quotas

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 Argentine Republic amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic 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 amend the Agreement between the Union and Argentina signed on 10 May 2021 in relation of the volume of two tariff-rate quotas and 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.

Following negotiations between the EU and other WTO members benefiting from rights under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994, the EU has agreed to modify the shares of two tariff quotas for which Argentina has negotiating rights, as follows:

- Tariff rate quota 030 (**skimmed milk powder**): the EU share of the erga omnes quota is revised to 62 917 tonnes;

- Tariff rate quota 110 (**fruit juice**): the Union share of the erga omnes quota is revised to 6 551 tonnes.

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2023/0303(NLE) - 10/04/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 545 votes to 34, with 36 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 Argentine Republic amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic 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 amend the Agreement between the Union and Argentina signed on 10 May 2021 in relation of the volume of two tariff-rate quotas and 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.

Following negotiations between the EU and other WTO members benefiting from rights under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994, the EU has agreed to modify the shares of two tariff quotas for which Argentina has negotiating rights, as follows:

- Tariff rate quota 030 (skimmed milk powder): the EU share of the erga omnes quota is revised to **62 917 tonnes** to avoid a non-commercially viable volume on UK side;

- Tariff rate quota 110 (fruit juice): the Union share of the erga omnes quota is revised to **6 551 tonnes**, taking into account trade in reference periods 2015-2017 and 2016-2018.

EU/Argentina 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

2023/0303(NLE) - 11/03/2024 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on international trade adopted the report by Jordi CAÑAS (Renew, ES) 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 Argentine Republic amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic 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) 1994 with a number of WTO Members. 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 basis of this approach is 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 negotiations between EU and Argentina resulted in the signature of the relevant Agreement on 10 May 2021. The Agreement entered into force on 13 July 2021.

As a result of negotiations with other WTO Members, the EU has agreed to change the shares of two TRQ for which Argentina has negotiating rights, therefore the original agreement with Argentina needs to be amended in the relation to the EU27 volume for the following TRQs.

The EU27 share of an erga omnes TRQ on skimmed-milk powder has been revised to 62 917 tonnes to avoid a non-commercially viable volume on UK side. The EU27 share of an erga omnes TRQ on fruit juices has been revised to 6 551 tonnes, taking into account trade in reference periods 2015-2017 and 2016-2018.