Basic information

2023/0341(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/Norway Agreement on 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: amending the Agreement **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	ZOVKO Željana (EPP)	30/09/2024
	Shadow rapporteur MORENO SÁNCHEZ Javier (S&D) VAN DIJCK Kris (ECR) KARLSBRO Karin (Renew) MARZÀ IBÁÑEZ Vicent (Greens/EFA)	

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	WARBORN Jörgen (EPP)	24/10/2023

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

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	LINS Norbert (EPP)	25/10/2023

Council of the European Union	
European Commission	Commission DG: Trade and Economic Security Commissioner: DOMBROVSKIS Valdis

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/10/2023	Preparatory document	COM(2023)0564	
18/11/2024	Legislative proposal published	13817/2023	Summary
16/12/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/02/2025	Vote in committee		
24/02/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0017/2025	
12/03/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0029/2025	Summary
12/03/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/03/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
04/04/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0341(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/10/00261

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Specific opinion	AGRI	PE755.015	16/11/2023	
Committee draft report		PE757.164	05/12/2023	
Committee draft report		PE766.897	13/12/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0017/2025	24/02/2025	

Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0029/2025	12/03/2025	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	13817/2023	18/11/2024	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2023)0564	04/10/2023	

Additional information

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Final act

Decision 2025/0685
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EU/Norway Agreement on 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: amending the Agreement

2023/0341(NLE) - 18/11/2024 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway 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 accordance with a Council Decision, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway 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 Union was signed on behalf of the Union, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

It is now necessary to approve the Agreement.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway 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 in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway 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 regarding the volume of three tariff-rate quotas (numbers 015 and 017 for fresh, chilled or frozen pigmeat and number 030 for skimmed milk powder);

- 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/Norway Agreement on 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: amending the Agreement

2023/0341(NLE) - 12/03/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 525 votes to 5, with 34 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 Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway 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.

In 2018, in view of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, the EU launched negotiations at the level of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, with relevant Members of the WTO, in order to adjust the existing EU's tariff rate quotas (TRQ) agreed at the WTO.

The underlying principle of the negotiations was 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.

The negotiations between the EU and Norway resulted in the signature of an Agreement on 17 December 2020, which entered into force on 10 May 2021.

As a result of subsequent negotiations with other WTO Members, the EU agreed to change the shares of **three TRQ** for which Norway had negotiating rights: two TRQ in the pig meat sector and one on skimmed-milk powder.

The EU27 share of two erga omnes TRQ in the pigmeat sector had been revised to **4 786 tonnes and 5 720 tonnes** respectively, taking into account a more recent reference period from 2015 to 2017. The EU27 share of an erga omnes TRQ on skimmed-milk powder had been revised to **62 917 tonnes** to avoid a non-commercially viable volume on the UK side.

Following bilateral consultations, the Kingdom of Norway accepted the amendments and the resulting quantitative commitments made by the European Union, which no longer include the United Kingdom.

The objective of the Agreement is to:

- amend the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway 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 regarding the volume of three tariff-rate quotas (numbers 015 and 017 for fresh, chilled or frozen pigmeat and number 030 for skimmed milk powder);

- 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.