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RECOMMENDATION

on the draft Council decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications
(06929/2019 – C8-0133/2019 – 2018/0214(NLE))

Committee on Legal Affairs

Rapporteur: Virginie Rozière

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the draft Council decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (06929/2019 – C8-0133/2019 – 2018/0214(NLE))

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (06929/2019),
 - having regard to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications signed in Geneva on 20 May 2015,
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 207 and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C8-0133/2019),
 - having regard to Rule 99(1) and (4) and Rule 108(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and the opinions of the Committee on International Trade and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A8-0187/2019),
1. Gives its consent to the accession of the European Union to the Act;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration of 31 October 1958 created a 'Special Union' within the framework of the Union for the Protection of Industrial Property established by the 1883 Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

The contracting parties to the agreement undertake to protect, on their territories, the appellations of origin of products of the other countries within the Special Union which are recognised and protected as such in the country of origin and which are registered at the International Bureau of Intellectual Property of the World Intellectual Property Organization, unless those parties declare that they cannot ensure such protection.

Seven Member States are parties to the Lisbon Agreement, namely Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Hungary, Portugal and Slovakia. Three other Member States have signed but not ratified the Lisbon Agreement, namely Greece, Spain and Romania.

On 20 May 2015, the Geneva Act revised the Lisbon Agreement. The Geneva Act expands the scope of the Lisbon system beyond appellations of origin to cover all geographical indications and makes it possible for international organisations, such as the European Union, to become contracting parties.

The Union has exclusive competence for the areas covered by the Geneva Act. This was confirmed in a judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Regarding certain agricultural products, the Union has established uniform and comprehensive protection systems for geographical indications for wines (1970), spirits (1989), aromatised wines (1991) and other agricultural products and foodstuffs (1992). Without accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement, however, the Union and its Member States would not enjoy the benefits it offers in that area.

The rapporteur therefore welcomes the Council's decision to approve the Union's accession to the Geneva Act. She also welcomes the fact that the Member States have been given the opportunity to accede to the act in the interests of the Union, with the Union retaining exclusive competence. The Union will thus enjoy voting rights, whilst being able to take proper account of the specific situation of the Member States that are already contracting parties to the Lisbon Agreement.

11.12.2018

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

for the Committee on Legal Affairs

on the proposal for a Council decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (COM(2018)0350 – C8 – 2018/0214(NLE))

Rapporteur for opinion: Tiziana Beghin

SHORT JUSTIFICATION

By this act the European Parliament will grant consent to the EU to become a party of the WIPO Lisbon Agreement.

The Lisbon Agreement is a 1958 treaty on the protection of Appellations of Origin (AO). It was updated through the Geneva Act in 2015 expanding its scope to Geographical Indications (GIs). The agreement makes it possible to obtain protection for AOs and GIs through a single registration.

As only seven EU Members States are part of the agreements and given that protection under Member States systems would require country-by-country registration and could result in different legal guarantees, the Rapporteur believes the EU accession to the Lisbon Agreement will improve European GIs protection in all Lisbon Agreement signatories.

Furthermore, when negotiating bilaterally with trading partners, this would allow the Union to refer to the Lisbon system as a basis for negotiations when discussing the protection of GIs

Given the positive impact of GIs on high value-added production in the agricultural sector, the rapporteur suggests Parliament gives consent to the accession.

The Committee on International Trade calls on the Committee on Legal Affairs, as the committee responsible, to recommend that Parliament give its consent to the proposal for a Council decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications .

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications
References	COM(2018)0350 – 2018/0214(NLE)
Committee responsible	JURI
Rapporteur Date appointed	Tiziana Beghin 29.8.2018
Discussed in committee	20.11.2018
Date adopted	10.12.2018
Result of final vote	+ : 38 - : 0 0 : 0
Members present for the final vote	Maria Arena, Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli, Daniel Caspary, Salvatore Cicu, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Christophe Hansen, Yannick Jadot, France Jamet, Elsi Katainen, Jude Kirton-Darling, Danilo Oscar Lancini, Bernd Lange, Anne-Marie Mineur, Sorin Moisă, Alessia Maria Mosca, Franck Proust, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Tokia Saïfi, Marietje Schaake, Helmut Scholz, Joachim Schuster, Joachim Starbatty, Adam Szejnfeld, Iuliu Winkler
Substitutes present for the final vote	Klaus Buchner, Dita Charanzová, Sajjad Karim, Seán Kelly, Gabriel Mato, Georg Mayer, Ralph Packet, Johannes Cornelis van Baalen, Jarosław Wałęsa
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Paloma López Bermejo, Anders Sellström, Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marco Zullo

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

38	+
ALDE	Johannes Cornelis van Baalen, Dita Charanzová, Elsi Katainen, Marietje Schaake
ECR	Sajjad Karim, Ralph Packet, Joachim Starbatty
EFDD	Tiziana Beghin, Marco Zullo
ENF	France Jamet, Danilo Oscar Lancini, Georg Mayer
GUE/NGL	Paloma López Bermejo, Anne-Marie Mineur, Helmut Scholz, Miguel Urbán Crespo
NI	David Borrelli
PPE	Daniel Caspary, Salvatore Cicu, Christophe Hansen, Seán Kelly, Gabriel Mato, Sorin Moisă, Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi, Anders Sellström, Adam Szejnfeld, Jarosław Wałęsa, Iuliu Winkler
S&D	Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Jude Kirton-Darling, Bernd Lange, Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Joachim Schuster
VERTS/ALE	Klaus Buchner, Yannick Jadot

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention

30.11.2018

**OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND
FOOD SAFETY**

for the Committee on Legal Affairs

on the proposal for a Council decision on the Accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (COM(2018)0350 – C8 0000/2018 – 2018/0214(NLE))

Rapporteur for opinion: Adina-Ioana Vălean

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Legal Affairs, as the committee responsible, to recommend that Parliament give its consent to the proposal for a Council decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications
References	COM(2018)0350 – 2018/0214(NLE)
Committee responsible	JURI
Rapporteur Date appointed	Adina-Ioana Vălean 30.8.2018
Date adopted	27.11.2018
Result of final vote	+: 49 –: 2 0: 4
Members present for the final vote	Margrete Auken, Pilar Ayuso, Zoltán Balczó, Ivo Belet, Paul Brannen, Nessa Childers, Birgit Collin-Langen, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Mark Demesmaecker, Stefan Eck, Bas Eickhout, Karl-Heinz Florenz, Elisabetta Gardini, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Jens Gieseke, Julie Girling, Françoise Grossetête, Jytte Guteland, György Hölvényi, Karin Kadenbach, Urszula Krupa, Giovanni La Via, Jo Leinen, Peter Liese, Valentinas Mazuronis, Susanne Melior, Rory Palmer, Massimo Paolucci, Piernicola Pedicini, Bolesław G. Piecha, John Procter, Julia Reid, Frédérique Ries, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Davor Škrlec, Renate Sommer, Adina-Ioana Vălean, Jadwiga Wiśniewska
Substitutes present for the final vote	Elena Gentile, Christophe Hansen, Martin Häusling, Anja Hazekamp, Jan Huitema, Jiří Maštálka, Ulrike Müller, Alojz Peterle, Keith Taylor, Tiemo Wölken, Carlos Zorrinho
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Martina Anderson, Edward Czesak, Jens Geier, Jude Kirton-Darling, Vladimír Maňka, Anna Záborská

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

49	+
ALDE	Gerben Jan Gerbrandy, Jan Huitema, Valentinas Mazuronis, Ulrike Müller, Frédérique Ries
ECR	Mark Demesmaeker
EFDD	Piernicola Pedicini
GUE/NGL	Martina Anderson, Stefan Eck, Anja Hazekamp, Jiří Maštálka
NI	Zoltán Balczó
PPE	Pilar Ayuso, Ivo Belet, Birgit Collin-Langen, Karl-Heinz Florenz, Elisabetta Gardini, Jens Gieseke, Julie Girling, Françoise Grossetête, Christophe Hansen, György Hölvényi, Giovanni La Via, Peter Liese, Alojz Peterle, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Renate Sommer, Adina-Ioana Vălean, Anna Záborská
S&D	Paul Brannen, Nessa Childers, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Jens Geier, Elena Gentile, Jytte Guteland, Karin Kadenbach, Jude Kirton-Darling, Jo Leinen, Vladimír Maňka, Susanne Melior, Rory Palmer, Massimo Paolucci, Tiemo Wölken
VERTS/ALE	Margrete Auken, Bas Eickhout, Martin Häusling, Davor Škrlec, Keith Taylor

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ECR	John Procter
EFDD	Julia Reid

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ECR	Edward Czesak, Urszula Krupa, Bolesław G. Piecha, Jadwiga Wiśniewska

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PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications		
References	06929/2019 – C8-0133/2019 – COM(2018)0350 – 2018/0214(NLE)		
Date of consultation / request for consent	15.3.2019		
Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	JURI 25.3.2019		
Committees asked for opinions Date announced in plenary	INTA 25.3.2019	ENVI 25.3.2019	AGRI 25.3.2019
Not delivering opinions Date of decision	AGRI 29.8.2018		
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Virginie Rozière 24.9.2018		
Date adopted	1.4.2019		
Result of final vote	+: -: 0:	15 0 0	
Members present for the final vote	Max Andersson, Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Jean-Marie Cavada, Mady Delvaux, Mary Honeyball, Sajjad Karim, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Julia Reda, Evelyn Regner, Pavel Svoboda, József Szájer, Tadeusz Zwiefka		
Substitutes present for the final vote	Pascal Durand, Virginie Rozière		
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Mylène Troszczynski		
Date tabled	3.4.2019		

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

15	+
ALDE	Jean-Marie Cavada
EFDD	Joëlle Bergeron
ENF	Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Mylène Troszczynski
PPE	Pavel Svoboda, József Szájer, Tadeusz Zwiefka
S&D	Mady Delvaux, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Evelyn Regner, Virginie Rozière, Julie Ward
VERTS/ALE	Max Andersson, Pascal Durand, Julia Reda

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