



Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

2016/0383(NLE)

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OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on International Trade

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products (05530/2017 – C8-0144/2017 – 2016/0383(NLE))

Rapporteur: Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

PA_Leg_Consent

SHORT JUSTIFICATION

On 16 June 2014 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate agreements between the EU and third countries on trade in organic products. The agreement sealed with Chile reciprocally recognises the equivalence of the respective organic production rules and control systems as regards certain products.

Chile will recognise as equivalent all EU organic products included in the scope of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, namely unprocessed plant products, live animals or unprocessed animal products (including honey), aquaculture products and seaweeds, processed agricultural products for use as food (including wine), processed agricultural products for use as feed, vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation.

The EU, meanwhile, will recognise as equivalent the following products from Chile: unprocessed plant products, honey, processed agricultural products for use as food (including wine), vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation.

The rapporteur is in favour of the negotiated text, which includes the two following adjustments:

- given that Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 is currently under review, the agreement needs to be brought in line with the new EU rules on organic production and labelling, once they have been established.
- the Commission should present, two years after the agreement has entered into force, an impact assessment of its implementation, ascertaining the level of trade undertaken between the EU and Chile, the amount of agricultural products and foodstuffs obtained from organic production and the degree of compliance with the principles of non-discrimination and reciprocity.

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to recommend that Parliament give its consent to the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products						
References	05530/2017 – C8-0144/2017 – COM(2016)0771 – 2016/0383(NLE)						
Committee responsible	INTA						
Opinion by Date announced in plenary	AGRI 15.5.2017						
Rapporteur Date appointed	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García 8.3.2017						
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Result of final vote	<table> <tr> <td>+: </td><td>29</td></tr> <tr> <td>–: </td><td>3</td></tr> <tr> <td>0: </td><td>1</td></tr> </table>	+:	29	–:	3	0:	1
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Members present for the final vote	John Stuart Agnew, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Richard Ashworth, José Bové, Daniel Buda, Nicola Caputo, Viorica Dăncilă, Michel Dantin, Paolo De Castro, Jean-Paul Denanot, Albert Deß, Diane Dodds, Jørn Dohrmann, Herbert Dorfmann, Norbert Erdős, Luke Ming Flanagan, Martin Häusling, Jan Huitema, Peter Jahr, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Mairead McGuinness, Ulrike Müller, James Nicholson, Marijana Petir, Jens Rohde, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Tibor Szanyi, Marco Zullo						
Substitutes present for the final vote	Paul Brannen, Jens Gieseke, Karin Kadenbach, Norbert Lins, Gabriel Mato						

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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PPE	Daniel Buda, Michel Dantin, Albert Deß, Herbert Dorfmann, Norbert Erdős, Jens Gieseke, Peter Jahr, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness, Marijana Petir, Czesław Adam Siekierski
S&D	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Paul Brannen, Nicola Caputo, Viorica Dăncilă, Paolo De Castro, Jean-Paul Denanot, Karin Kadenbach, Tibor Szanyi
ECR	Richard Ashworth, Jørn Dohrmann, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, James Nicholson
ALDE	Jan Huitema, Ulrike Müller, Jens Rohde
EFDD	Marco Zullo
NI	Diane Dodds

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GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan
Verts/ALE	José Bové, Martin Häusling

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EFDD	John Stuart Agnew

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention