

**Question for oral answer O-000148/2013
to the Commission**

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on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Subject: EU-Chile: Trade and Trade-Related Matters of the Agreement establishing an association between the EC and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part

The Association Agreement with Chile was signed on 18 November 2002, and entered fully into force on 1 March 2005. It includes economic cooperation provisions and an FTA (Part IV) which has been provisionally applied since 1 February 2003. Throughout this decade, Chile has proven to be a strong and reliable trade partner, with trading in goods and services and investment substantially increasing. It is a member of the WTO, the OECD, the Pacific Alliance (PA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and a participant in the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA) negotiations.

During the 5th EU-Chile Summit in November 2012 the parties agreed to 'explore the options to modernise the Association Agreement after 10 years' of implementation. The current trade pillar is broad and comprehensive beyond WTO commitments. However, the Commission underlined that it might be obsolete in comparison with the EU's FTAs recently signed with Latin America or under negotiation. In this context, both parties have engaged in discussions to try to find convergence on how to proceed towards a mutually satisfactory result. In order for Parliament to have a broader understanding of the state of play, the Commission is asked the following:

1. Can the Commission provide a comprehensive and up-to-date evaluation regarding the implementation of the trade, economic and financial provisions of the Association Agreement?
2. What would be the mutual benefits deriving from a modernisation of the trade pillar? In this regard, can the Commission provide specific information about the content of the Chilean non-paper on the modernisation of the Association Agreement? Would the Commission rather consider taking a broader approach requiring a new mandate, conducting a sector-by-sector review or activating the evolution clause?
3. Is Commission satisfied with the current coverage of (IPRs), (GP), (NTBs), (SPS) measures and RoO)?
4. Can the Commission forecast the impact of Chile's regional economic integration on trade relations?
5. What measures have been undertaken in the field of economic cooperation and what synergies could be of importance for European SMEs and industries?
6. Have there been any shortcomings in the effective establishment of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) provided for in Art. 10?
7. In which way will the Commission strengthen the chapter on Sustainable Development and other provisions on human rights?
8. How will the Financial services chapter be improved in order to bring it in line with ongoing EU legislation on banking and shadow banking supervision?

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