



Plenary sitting

A9-0222/2023

29.6.2023

RECOMMENDATION

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile 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
(6618/2023 – C9-0202/2023 – 2023/0036(NLE))

Committee on International Trade

Rapporteur: Samira Rafaela

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 conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile 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
(6618/2023 – C9-0202/2023 – 2023/0036(NLE))**

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (6618/2023),
 - having regard to the draft Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile 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 (6619/2023),
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 207(4), first subparagraph and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C9-0202/2023),
 - having regard to Rule 105(1) and (4) and Rule 114(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on International Trade (A9-0222/2023),
1. Gives its consent to the conclusion of the agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the Republic of Chile.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In view of the United Kingdom's (UK) withdrawal from the European Union (EU), in October 2018, the EU formally launched negotiations under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 with a number of Members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), including the Republic of Chile. The underlying principle of the negotiations is a “joint approach” developed between the EU and the UK 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 after the UK's withdrawal from the EU, but split across two separate customs territories, the EU27 and the UK.

The principle of the applied methodology is based on the trade flows into the EU27 and the UK during a representative reference period of 3 years (from 2013 to 2015) for all WTO TRQs. The agreed methodology of the apportionment is described in detail in Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council. More specifically, Article 2(b) of this Regulation empowers the Commission to amend the apportionment shares taking into account pertinent information that it may receive either in the context of negotiations under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994 or from other sources with an interest in a specific tariff rate quota.

The Republic of Chile has negotiating rights for two TRQs. They are both sub-allocations of tariff rate quota 020, concerning meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen. One of them applies to all contracting parties (*erga omnes*) and the other one is a country-specific TRQ for the Republic of Chile. While Chile accepted the volumes proposed by the EU for the former, the agreement provides for a minor downward adjustment of the country-specific TRQ, based on a different reference period.

In accordance with Article 218(6) TFEU, the consent of the European Parliament is needed in order for the Council to adopt a decision concluding the Agreement and for the latter to come into force in due time.

In the light of the above, the Rapporteur recommends that the Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement, without prejudice to its democratic right of continuous scrutiny.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	The conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile 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						
References	06618/2023 – C9-0202/2023 – 2023/0036(NLE)						
Date of consultation or request for consent	12.6.2023						
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Rapporteurs Date appointed	Samira Rafaela 21.3.2023						
Discussed in committee	24.5.2023						
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Result of final vote	<table> <tr> <td>+: </td><td>34</td></tr> <tr> <td>–: </td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>0: </td><td>2</td></tr> </table>	+:	34	–:	0	0:	2
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Members present for the final vote	Tiziana Beghin, Geert Bourgeois, Saskia Bricmont, Daniel Caspary, Arnaud Danjean, Paolo De Castro, Raphaël Glucksmann, Markéta Gregorová, Christophe Hansen, Heidi Hautala, Danuta Maria Hübner, Danilo Oscar Lancini, Bernd Lange, Margarida Marques, Gabriel Mato, Emmanuel Maurel, Alessandra Mussolini, Carles Puigdemont i Casamajó, Samira Rafaela, Catharina Rinzema, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Katarína Roth Nevedálová, Ernő Schaller-Baross, Helmut Scholz, Sven Simon, Kathleen Van Brempt, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Jörgen Warborn, Iuliu Winkler						
Substitutes present for the final vote	Mazaly Aguilar, Reinhard Bütikofer, Svenja Hahn, Michiel Hoogeveen, Seán Kelly, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Javier Moreno Sánchez						
Date tabled	29.6.2023						

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ECR	Mazaly Aguilar, Geert Bourgeois, Michiel Hoogeveen
ID	Danilo Oscar Lancini
NI	Tiziana Beghin, Carles Puigdemont i Casamajó, Ernő Schaller-Baross
PPE	Daniel Caspary, Arnaud Danjean, Christophe Hansen, Danuta Maria Hübner, Seán Kelly, Gabriel Mato, Alessandra Mussolini, Sven Simon, Jörgen Warborn, Iuliu Winkler
Renew	Svenja Hahn, Samira Rafaela, Catharina Rinzema, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne
S&D	Paolo De Castro, Raphaël Glucksmann, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Bernd Lange, Margarida Marques, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Katarína Roth Neved'alová, Kathleen Van Brempt
Verts/ALE	Saskia Bricmont, Reinhard Bütikofer, Markéta Gregorová, Heidi Hautala

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The Left	Emmanuel Maurel, Helmut Scholz

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention