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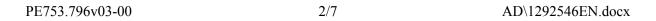
2023/0260(NLE)

7.12.2023

OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on International Trade

on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Advanced Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part
(COM(2023)0432 – C9-0000 – 2023/0260(NLE))

Rapporteur for opinion: Francisco Guerreiro

PA_Leg_Consent

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

On 13 November 2017, the Council authorized the opening of negotiations with Chile for the modernisation of the existing 2002 EU-Chile Association Agreement (AA). The negotiations were concluded on the technical level in October 2021, and, with some bilateral discussions following, the agreement's chapters were published by 9 December 2022, updated as the EU-Chile Advanced Framework Agreement (AFA).

The AFA contains elements of shared competence with Member States, and consequently will be submitted not only to the European Parliament for consent but also to all EU Member States for ratification. In the meantime, the trade and investment market access provisions of the AFA will be submitted to the EU-only ratification procedure, as an Interim Trade Agreement (ITA) under EU exclusive competence. This ITA will expire once the AFA has entered into force.

The AFA achieves a high level of tariff liberalisation on the Chilean side, resulting in 99.9% of EU exports being tariff-free. However, the AFA retains exclusions for sensitive products of both parties, notably sugar for EU and Chile, and rice and bananas for the EU. Additional access to the EU market is granted only in the form of duty-free quotas. The AFA rationalises existing duty-free quotas granted to Chile for beef and sheep meat, removing the annual growth rate and clarifying fixed amounts. Aside from the increase concerning poultry, other increases in existing duty free quotas of pork, garlic and canned fish remain modest. The Agreement protects a further 216 European agri-food geographical indications (GIs) and 18 Chilean GIs.

In line with Parliament's resolution of 14 September 2017, the Agreement seeks to develop upon the existing Association Agreement by the addition of a dedicated trade and sustainable development (TSD) chapter. The core standards of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Paris Agreement are found under this TSD chapter and are therefore not yet included as essential elements of the agreement, subject to sanctions under the general dispute settlement chapter. However, the TSD chapter commits both parties to effectively implement the Paris Agreement and the Nationally Determined Contributions, and provides for a novel Review clause under which TSD provisions can be revised to take into account evolving environmental and social standards.

The Agreement includes a dedicated chapter on sustainable food systems which will serve as a basis for improved EU-Chile cooperation for the transition towards a sustainable food system, including cooperation on antimicrobial resistance and animal welfare. Both parties commit to maintain their current prohibitions on use of antibiotics as growth promoters.

In accordance with Article 218(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the consent of the European Parliament is required in order for the Council to adopt a decision concluding the Agreement.

In the light of the above, the Rapporteur recommends the Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
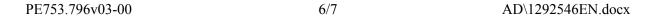
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The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on International Trade, as the committees responsible, to recommend approval of the proposal for a Council decision on conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Advanced Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part.

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ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS
FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT

The rapporteur declares under his exclusive responsibility that he did not receive input from any entity or person to be mentioned in this Annex pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure.

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PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Advanced Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part
References	2023/0260(NLE)
Committee responsible	AFET
Rapporteur for the opinion Date appointed	Francisco Guerreiro 19.9.2023
Discussed in committee	25.10.2023
Date adopted	7.12.2023
Result of final vote	+: 21 −: 7 0: 3
Members present for the final vote	Mazaly Aguilar, Clara Aguilera, Carmen Avram, Benoît Biteau, Franc Bogovič, Daniel Buda, Asger Christensen, Ivan David, Jérémy Decerle, Herbert Dorfmann, Luke Ming Flanagan, Francisco Guerreiro, Martin Häusling, Martin Hlaváček, Camilla Laureti, Gilles Lebreton, Norbert Lins, Colm Markey, Marlene Mortler, Ulrike Müller, Juozas Olekas, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Anne Sander
Substitutes present for the final vote	Claude Gruffat, Peter Jahr, Gabriel Mato, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Michaela Šojdrová, Thomas Waitz
Substitutes under Rule 209(7) present for the final vote	Vlad Gheorghe, Eric Minardi

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FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ECR	Mazaly Aguilar, Bert-Jan Ruissen
ID	Ivan David
PPE	Franc Bogovič, Daniel Buda, Herbert Dorfmann, Peter Jahr, Norbert Lins, Colm Markey, Gabriel Mato, Marlene Mortler, Dan-Ştefan Motreanu, Michaela Šojdrová
Renew	Asger Christensen, Vlad Gheorghe, Martin Hlaváček, Ulrike Müller
S&D	Clara Aguilera, Carmen Avram, Camilla Laureti, Juozas Olekas

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ID	Gilles Lebreton, Eric Minardi
PPE	Anne Sander
Renew	Jérémy Decerle
The Left	Luke Ming Flanagan
Verts/ALE	Benoît Biteau, Claude Gruffat

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Verts/ALE	Francisco Guerreiro, Martin Häusling, Thomas Waitz

Key to symbols:
+ : in favour
- : against
0 : abstention

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