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**A9-0305/2023**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand (06600/2023 – C9-0247/2023 – 2023/0038(NLE))

Committee on International Trade

Rapporteur: Daniel Caspary

***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 Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand (06600/2023 – C9-0247/2023 – 2023/0038(NLE))**

**(Consent)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft Council decision (06600/2023),
  - having regard to the draft Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand (06601/2023),
  - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 91(1), Article 100(2), Article 207(4), first subparagraph, and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v), and Article 218(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C9-0247/2023),
  - having regard to its non-legislative resolution of X 2023<sup>1</sup> on the draft decision,
  - having regard to Rule 105(1) and (4) and Rule 114(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development,
  - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on International Trade (A9-0305/2023),
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 New Zealand.

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted of that date, [P9\_TA(0000)0000].

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On 22 May 2018, the Council authorized the opening of negotiations with New Zealand for a Free Trade Agreement. The negotiations on a Free Trade agreement were concluded on 30 June 2022. The agreement was signed on 09 July 2023.

In line with Parliament's resolution of 05 July 2022 on the Indo-Pacific strategy in the area of trade and investment, the Agreement is a centerpiece for the EU to elevate its position, role and relevance in the Indo-Pacific region. The Agreement advances the objective of the EU of building a network of EU trade agreements in the region after Japan, Singapore, South Korea and Vietnam.

The Agreement protects 163 European foodstuff geographical indications (GIs) and the complete list of EU GI wines and spirits. It achieved a high level of tariff liberalisation amounting to 100% of New Zealand tariff lines to be liberalised upon entry into force.

The Agreement encompasses a dedicated chapter on Māori trade and economic cooperation stressing the importance of enabling all citizens to benefit from the opportunities it brings. A standalone chapter on digital trade facilitates cross-border data flows and ensures predictability and legal certainty on digital trade transactions. The dedicated chapter on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) enables them to benefit from the Agreement to the maximum extent.

As the first of its kind, the Agreement incorporates the new EU approach on trade and sustainable development, thereby ensuring the effective implementation of core standards of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Paris Agreement.

In accordance with Article 218(6) TFEU, 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.

## PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

<b>Title</b>	Conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand
<b>References</b>	06600/2023 – C9-0247/2023 – 2023/0038(NLE)
<b>Date of consultation or request for consent</b>	10.7.2023
<b>Committee responsible</b> Date announced in plenary	INTA 11.9.2023
<b>Committees asked for opinions</b> Date announced in plenary	AGRI 11.9.2023
<b>Not delivering opinions</b> Date of decision	AGRI 18.10.2023
<b>Rapporteurs</b> Date appointed	Daniel Caspary 21.3.2023
<b>Discussed in committee</b>	18.9.2023
<b>Date adopted</b>	24.10.2023
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 27 -: 2 0: 2
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Saskia Bricmont, Jordi Cañas, Raphaël Glucksmann, Heidi Hautala, Danuta Maria Hübner, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Danilo Oscar Lancini, Bernd Lange, Thierry Mariani, Margarida Marques, Sara Matthieu, Helmut Scholz, Joachim Schuster, Sven Simon, Kathleen Van Brempt, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Jörgen Warborn, Iuliu Winkler, Jan Zahradil, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Reinhard Bütikofer, Marco Campomenosi, Clare Daly, José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil, Svenja Hahn, Seán Kelly, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Urmas Paet, Pedro Silva Pereira
<b>Substitutes under Rule 209(7) present for the final vote</b>	Dacian Cioloș
<b>Date tabled</b>	26.10.2023

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

27	+
ECR	Jan Zahradil
ID	Marco Campomenosi, Danilo Oscar Lancini
PPE	Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil, Danuta Maria Hübner, Seán Kelly, Sven Simon, Jörgen Warborn, Iuliu Winkler, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez
Renew	Jordi Cañas, Dacian Cioloș, Svenja Hahn, Urmas Paet, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne
S&D	Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Bernd Lange, Margarida Marques, Javier Moreno Sánchez, Joachim Schuster, Pedro Silva Pereira, Kathleen Van Brempt
Verts/ALE	Saskia Bricmont, Reinhard Bütikofer, Heidi Hautala, Sara Matthieu

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ID	Thierry Mariani
S&D	Raphaël Glucksmann

2	0
The Left	Clare Daly, Helmut Scholz

### Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention