

ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE (TFEU 294)

The Commission's proposal to the European Parliament and the Council of the EU.

■ First reading

--- The European Parliament adopts its position and communicates it to the Council;

--- The Council of the EU:

----approves the position – the act shall be adopted;

----does not approve the position – adopts its position at I reading and communicates it to the European Parliament for II reading.

■ Second reading

--- IF THE EUROPEAN PARLAMENT within 3 months:

----Has not taken a decision – the act concerned shall be deemed to have been adopted in the wording which corresponds to the position of the Council;

----Approves the Council's position – the act concerned shall be deemed to have been adopted in the wording which corresponds to the position of the Council;

----Rejects the Council's position – the proposed act shall be deemed not to have been adopted; or

----Proposes amendments to the Council's position – the text thus amended shall be forwarded to the Council and to the Commission, which shall deliver an opinion on those amendments.

--- IF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU

---- Approves all those amendments acting by a qualified majority - the act shall be deemed to have been adopted;

---- Does not approve the amendments – a meeting of the Conciliation Committee shall be convened.

■ Third reading

--- If the Conciliation Committee approves a joint text – the act is adopted if approved by:

---- The Council (by a qualified majority); and

---- The Parliament (by a majority of the votes cast);

--- If the Conciliation Committee fails to approve the text – the act shall be deemed not to have been adopted.

Sources: TEU; TFEU; Craig, De Búrca 2008; Chalmers, Monti 2008.