

Treaty of Nice, ratified in 2003

For a proposal to pass the Council of the European Union, it requires

- ▶ Majority of the countries, and
- ▶ 74% of the voting weights, and
- ▶ 62% of the total population

Currently translates into

- ▶ 15 countries, and
- ▶ 260 of total weight of 352, and
- ▶ 313.6 million people in states voting in favor

Last condition essentially redundant since it is almost always met if first two are met.

Treaty of Lisbon, ratified in 2009, goes into effect Nov 1, 2014

For a proposal to pass the Council of the European Union, it requires

- ▶ 55% of the countries, and
- ▶ 65% of the total population
- ▶ To block requires at least 4 countries to vote against

Until March 31, 2017, any member state may request that the Treaty of Nice rules be used.