

This Trade Summary provides an overview of WTO dispute settlement decisions and panel activities, and EU decisions and measures on commercial policy, customs policy and external relations, for the third quarter of 2017.

I. WTO

1. Dispute Settlement

Philippines requests additional compliance review in cigarettes dispute with Thailand

The Philippines has requested WTO dispute consultations with Thailand to address Thailand's compliance with an earlier WTO ruling concerning Thai measures imposed on imports of cigarettes from the Philippines.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), July 6, 2017)

Qatar files WTO complaints against the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia

Qatar has requested WTO dispute consultations with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia concerning measures adopted by the three countries which allegedly restrict trade in goods and services from Qatar, and trade-related intellectual property rights.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), August 4, 2017)

Ukraine launches safeguard investigation on sulfuric acid and oleum

On August 18, 2017, Ukraine notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that on August 20, 2017 it initiated a safeguard investigation on sulfuric acid and oleum.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), August 18, 2017)

EU files appeal against panel ruling regarding EU duties on PET from Pakistan

On August 30, 2017, the European Union filed an appeal regarding the panel report in "European Union - Countervailing Measures on Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate from Pakistan" (DS486). The panel circulated its report on July 6, 2017.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), August 30, 2017)

Indonesia files WTO complaint over Australian duties on paper imports

On September 1, 2017, Indonesia requested WTO consultations with Australia regarding Australia's decision to impose anti-dumping duties on imports of A4 copy paper from Indonesia, and the investigation and determination leading to the imposition of the duties. Indonesia charges that Australia's actions appear to be inconsistent with provisions under the WTO's Anti-Dumping Agreement regarding the determination of dumping.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), September 1, 2017)

Ukraine files WTO complaint over Kazakhstan steel duties

Ukraine has requested WTO consultations with Kazakhstan regarding anti-dumping measures levied by Kazakhstan on certain types of steel pipes imported from Ukraine. The request was circulated to WTO members on September 21, 2017.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), September 21, 2017)

Brazil files appeal against WTO panel ruling on tax measures

On September 28, 2017, Brazil filed a notice of appeal in the cases brought by the European Union and Japan in "Brazil - Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges" (DS472 and DS497). The panel circulated its report on August 30, 2017.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), September 28, 2017)

Indonesia files appeal against WTO panel ruling on steel safeguards

On September 28, 2017, Indonesia filed a notice of appeal in the cases brought by Chinese Taipei and Viet Nam in "Indonesia - Safeguard on Certain Iron or Steel Products" (DS490 and DS496). The panel circulated its report on August 18, 2017.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), September 28, 2017)

PANELS ESTABLISHED

WTO dispute panel established to rule on Chinese farm import quotas

At its meeting on September 22, 2017, the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) agreed to establish a panel to rule on a complaint filed by the United States



regarding China's administration of its tariff rate quotas (TRQs) for certain imported farm goods. The DSB also formally adopted the panel report, as amended by the Appellate Body, in the European Union's challenge to tax breaks offered by the US state of Washington to the aircraft manufacturer Boeing.

([WTO Press Release](#), September 22, 2017)

WTO dispute panel established to rule on Canadian aircraft subsidies

At the request of Brazil, the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) agreed on September 29, 2017, to establish a panel to examine whether various government support measures provided to the Canadian aircraft manufacturer Bombardier are compatible with WTO subsidy rules. The DSB also formally adopted the panel report, as amended by the Appellate Body, in Indonesia's challenge to European Union anti-dumping duties on imports of fatty alcohol.

([WTO Press Release](#), September 29, 2017)

PANEL REPORTS ISSUED

WTO issues panel report regarding EU duties on PET from Pakistan

On July 6, 2017, a WTO dispute panel issued a report in the case "European Union - Countervailing Measures on Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate from Pakistan" (DS486).

([WTO Press Release](#), July 6, 2017)

WTO issues panel report regarding Indonesian duties on certain iron or steel products

On August 18, 2017, a WTO dispute panel issued a report in the cases brought by Viet Nam and Chinese Taipei in "Indonesia - Safeguard on Certain Iron or Steel Products" (DS490 and 496).

([WTO Press Release](#), August 18, 2017)

WTO issues panel reports on Brazilian tax measures and other charges

On August 30, 2017, the WTO issued the panel reports in the cases brought by the European Union and Japan in "Brazil - Certain Measures Concerning Taxation And Charges" (DS472 and DS497).

([WTO Press Release](#), August 30, 2017; [Commission Press Release](#), August 30, 2017)

APPELLATE BODY

Appellate Body issues report regarding US tax breaks for civil aircraft production

On September 4, 2017, the WTO Appellate Body issued its report in the case "United States - Conditional Tax Incentives for Large Civil Aircraft" (DS487).

([WTO Press Release](#), September 4, 2017; [Commission Press Release](#), September 4, 2017)

Appellate Body issues report regarding EU anti-dumping measures on fatty alcohols from Indonesia

On September 5, 2017, the WTO Appellate Body issued its report in the case "European Union - Anti-Dumping Measures on Imports of Certain Fatty Alcohols from Indonesia" (DS442).

([WTO Press Release](#), September 5, 2017)

2. Other Developments

TRADE POLICY REVIEWS

European Union

([WTO Press Release](#), July 5-7, 2017; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), May 17, 2017)

Brazil

([WTO Press Release](#), July 17-19, 2017; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), June 12, 2017)

Jamaica

([WTO Press Release](#), September 13-15, 2017; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), August 9, 2017)

Paraguay

([WTO Press Release](#), September 20-22, 2017; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), August 2, 2017)

WTO ACCESSIONS

Sudan

WTO members commended the positive momentum for Sudan's WTO membership negotiations and reiterated their readiness to support the process at the 4th meeting of the working party on the country's accession held on July 14, 2017, under the chairmanship of Mr Ryosuke Kuwana (Japan). Negotiations on Sudan's WTO

membership resumed in January after 13 years of impasse.

([WTO Press Release](#), July 14, 2017)

Belarus

WTO members welcomed the active engagement of Belarus in its efforts to become a member of the organization and expressed readiness to maintain the positive momentum in the ongoing negotiations, at the meeting held by the Working Party on the country's accession on September 13, 2017—just over seven months after the last formal meeting.

([WTO Press Release](#), September 13, 2017)

II. EU Commercial Policy

1. Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy

EU COURTS

Certain stainless steel wires originating in India

The General Court annulled Council Implementing Regulation 1106/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty, as far as it relates to Viraj Profiles.

(Case T-67/14 *Viraj Profiles v. Council*, [judgment](#) of July 11, 2017)

Certain footwear with uppers of leather

i Opinion by the Advocate General Sánchez-Bordona advising the Court of Justice to hold that examination of the question referred has disclosed nothing capable of affecting the validity of Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/223 establishing a procedure for assessing certain market economy treatment and individual treatment claims made by exporting producers from China and Vietnam, and implementing the judgment of the Court of Justice in Joined Cases C-659/13 and C-34/14.

(Case C-256/16 *Deichmann*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of July 20, 2017)

ii Appeals against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/423 re-imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain footwear with uppers of leather originating in China and Vietnam and produced by Fujian Viscap Shoes, Vietnam Ching Luh Shoes, Vinh Thong Producing-

Trading-Service, Qingdao Tae Kwang Shoes, Maystar Footwear, Lien Phat Company, Qingdao Sewon Shoes, Panyu Pegasus Footwear, PanYu Leader Footwear Corporation, Panyu Hsieh Da Rubber, An Loc Joint Stock Company, Qingdao Changshin Shoes Company, Chang Shin Vietnam, Samyang Vietnam, Qingdao Samho Shoes, Min Yuan, Chau Giang Company, Foshan Shunde Fong Ben Footwear Industrial and Dongguan Texas Shoes, implementing the judgment of the Court of Justice in Joined Cases C-659/13 and C-34/14.

(Case T-347/17 *FLA Europe v. Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 249/39](#); Case T-351/17 *Nike European Operations Netherlands and Others v. Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 249/40](#); Case T-360/17 *Jana shoes and Others v. Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 249/42](#))

Bicycles originating in China

Opinion by the Advocate General Mengozzi advising the Court of Justice to dismiss the appeal against the General Court's judgment of November 26, 2015 annulling Council Regulation 502/2013 amending Implementing Regulation 990/2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation 1225/2009.

(Case C-61/16 P *EBMA v. Giant (China)*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of July 26, 2017)

Tartaric acid originating in China

Hearing in the appeal against Commission Implementing Decision 2016/176 terminating the anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of tartaric acid originating in China and produced by Hangzhou Bioking Biochemical Engineering.

(Case T-211/16 *Caviro Distillerie and Others v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells)

i Order by the General Court dismissing as inadmissible the appeal against (i) Commission Implementing Regulations 2016/185 and 2016/184 in so far as they impose anti-dumping and countervailing duties on solar modules exported into the EU by the applicant where the solar modules contain solar cells originally consigned in Taiwan from undertakings which are exempt from those measures and (ii) Commission Implementing Regulations 2016/185 and 2016/184 in so far as they

impose anti-dumping and countervailing duties on solar modules exported into the EU by the applicant where the solar modules contain solar cells originally consigned in Taiwan from various undertakings.

(Case T-152/16 *Megasol Energie v. Commission*, [order](#) of June 26, 2017 available in French)

- ii Appeal against the General Court's judgment of February 28, 2017 dismissing the appeal against Council Implementing Regulation 1238/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.
(Case C-236/17 P *Canadian Solar Emea and Others v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 239/27](#))
- iii Appeal against the General Court's judgment of February 28, 2017 dismissing the appeal against Council Implementing Regulation 1239/2013 imposing a definitive countervailing duty.
(Case C-237/17 P *Canadian Solar Emea and Others v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 239/28](#))

Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) originating in India, Taiwan and Thailand

Appeal against the General Court's judgment of April 5, 2017 annulling Council Implementing Decision 2013/226 rejecting the proposal for a Council implementing regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain PET originating in India, Taiwan and Thailand following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 1225/2009 and terminating the expiry review proceeding concerning imports of certain PET originating in Indonesia and Malaysia, in so far as the proposal would impose a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain PET originating in India, Taiwan and Thailand, inasmuch as it rejected the proposal to impose a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports originating in India, Taiwan and Thailand and terminated the review proceeding concerning imports of PET from those three countries.

(Case C-363/17 P *Equipolymers and Others*, [OJ 2017 C 283/24](#))

Certain lightweight thermal paper originating in Korea

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/763 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

(Case T-383/17 *Hansol Paper v. Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 269/31](#))

Certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (other than stainless steel), of circular cross-section, of an external diameter exceeding 406.4 mm, originating in China

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/804 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.
(Case T-500/17 *Hubei Xinyegang Special Tube v. Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 318/25](#))

Certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China and consigned from Malaysia

Reference for a preliminary ruling from an Italian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the validity of Council Regulation 91/2009 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on such imports originating in China, Council Implementing Regulation 924/2012 amending Regulation 91/2009 and Commission Implementing Regulation 519/2015 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports originating in China, as extended to imports consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not, following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 1225/2009.

(Case C-207/17 *Rotho Blaas*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2017 C 277/22](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Basic Anti-Dumping and Anti-Subsidy Regulations

- i The European Parliament gave its green light to start talks soon with national governments on new EU anti-dumping rules designed to better protect EU industry and jobs.
([EP Press Release](#), July 5, 2017; [EP Press Release](#), July 5, 2017)
- ii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on the proposed regulation amending Regulation 2016/1036 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the EU and Regulation 2016/1037 on protection against subsidized imports from countries not members of the EU.
([Report](#), June 27, 2017)

Certain coated fine paper originating in China

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1188 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of the Regulation 2016/1036.
([OJ 2017 L 171/168](#))

- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1187 imposing a definitive countervailing duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 18 of the Regulation 2016/1037.
([OJ 2017 L 171/134](#))

Melamine originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1171 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.
([OJ 2017 L 170/62](#))

Certain corrosion resistant steels originating in China

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1238 making such imports subject to registration.
([OJ 2017 L 177/39](#))
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1444 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty.
([OJ 2017 L 207/1](#))

Certain cast iron articles originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1480 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty.
([OJ 2017 L 211/14](#))

Certain stainless steel wires originating in India

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1482 amending Council Implementing Regulation 861/2013 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain stainless steel wires originating in India, as regards the TARIC codes of the non-sampled cooperating exporting producers.
([OJ 2017 L 214/1](#))

Hand pallet trucks and their essential parts originating in China and consigned from Vietnam

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1348 initiating an investigation concerning the possible circumvention of anti-dumping measures imposed by Council Implementing Regulation 1008/2011, as amended by Implementing Regulation 372/2013, on imports of hand pallet trucks and their essential parts originating in China by imports consigned from Vietnam, whether declared as originating in Vietnam or not, and making such imports subject to registration.
([OJ 2017 L 188/1](#))

Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1408 withdrawing the acceptance of the undertaking for two exporting producers under Implementing Decision 2013/707 confirming the acceptance of an undertaking offered in connection with the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings for the period of application of definitive measures.
([OJ 2017 L 201/3](#))
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1497 withdrawing the acceptance of the undertaking for one exporting producer under Implementing Decision 2013/707 confirming the acceptance of an undertaking offered in connection with the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings for the period of application of definitive measures.
([OJ 2017 L 218/10](#))
- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1524 withdrawing the acceptance of the undertaking for two exporting producers under Implementing Decision 2013/707 confirming the acceptance of an undertaking offered in connection with the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings for the period of application of definitive measures.
([OJ 2017 L 230/11](#))
- iv The Commission finalized the interim review of trade defense measures.
([Commission Press Release](#), September 18, 2017)
- v Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1570 amending Implementing Regulation 2017/366 and Implementing Regulation 2017/367 imposing definitive countervailing and anti-dumping duties and repealing Implementing Decision 2013/707 confirming the acceptance of an undertaking offered in connection with the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings for the period of application of definitive measures.
([OJ 2017 L 238/22](#))
- vi Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1589 withdrawing the acceptance of the undertaking for one exporting producer under Implementing Decision 2013/707 confirming the acceptance of an undertaking offered in connection with the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings for the period of application of definitive measures.
([OJ 2017 L 241/21](#))

Certain concrete reinforcement bars and rods originating in Belarus

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1439 amending Implementing Regulation 2017/1019 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

[\(OJ 2017 L 206/1\)](#)

Biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1578 amending Implementing Regulation 1194/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

[\(OJ 2017 L 239/9\)](#)

Certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibers originating in China and consigned from India and Indonesia

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1514 initiating a review of Council Implementing Regulation 1371/2013 for the purposes of determining the possibility of granting an exemption from those measures to one Indian exporting producer, repealing the anti-dumping duty with regard to imports from that exporting producer and making imports from that exporting producer subject to registration.

[\(OJ 2017 L 226/1\)](#)

Biodiesel originating in the US

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1598 amending Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/1518 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council Regulation 1225/2009.

[\(OJ 2017 L 245/1\)](#)

Barium carbonate originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1759 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2017 L 250/34\)](#)

Lever arch mechanisms originating in China

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures applicable.

[\(OJ 2017 C 290/3\)](#)

Threaded tube or pipe cast fittings, of malleable cast iron, originating in China and Thailand

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2017 C 268/4\)](#)

Tableware and kitchenware originating in China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2017 C 268/5\)](#)

Ammonium nitrate originating in Russia

Notices of initiation of the partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2017 C 271/9\)](#); [\(OJ 2017 C 271/15\)](#)

New and retreaded tires for buses or lorries originating in China

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.

[\(OJ 2017 C 264/14\)](#)

Ferro-silicon originating in Egypt and Ukraine

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.

[\(OJ 2017 C 251/5\)](#)

Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey

Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the countervailing measures.

[\(OJ 2017 C 234/6\)](#)

Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) originating in India

i Notices of initiation of the partial interim review of the countervailing measures.

[\(OJ 2017 C 216/26\)](#); [\(OJ 2017 C 216/30\)](#)

ii Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-subsidy measures.

[\(OJ 2017 C 279/11\)](#)

Tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel originating in Korea and Malaysia

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2017 C 214/8\)](#)

Bicycles originating in China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2017 C 294/3\)](#)

Tungsten electrodes originating in China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

([OJ 2017 C 292/6](#))

Tartaric acid originating in China

Notice concerning the judgment of June 1, 2017 in case T-442/12 in relation to Council Implementing Regulation 626/2012 amending Implementing Regulation 349/2012 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports.

([OJ 2017 C 296/16](#))

Certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel originating in Russia and Ukraine

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures.

([OJ 2017 C 214/9](#))

2. Generalized System of Preferences**Generalized tariff preferences**

The Commission adopted a delegated regulation amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences.

([Draft act](#), September 27, 2017)

3. Sanctions**EU COURTS****Belarus**

The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Regulation 2015/1948 amending Regulation 765/2006 and Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1957 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP.

(Case T-765/15 *BelTechExport v. Council*, [judgment](#) of September 27, 2017)

Central African Republic

The General Court upheld the decision freezing the funds of the Badica and Kardiam companies in the Central African ‘conflict diamonds’ case.

(Case T-619/15 *Badica and Kardiam v. Council*, [judgment](#) of July 20, 2017 available in French; [Court Press Release](#), July 20, 2017)

Congo

The General Court dismissed the appeals against Council Implementing Decision 2014/862/CFSP

implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP, Council Implementing Regulation 1275/2014 implementing Article 9(1) and (4) of Regulation 1183/2005, Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/620 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/614 implementing Article 9(4) of Regulation 1183/2005.

(Joined Cases T-107/15, T-347/15 *Uganda Commercial Impex v. Council*, [judgment](#) of September 18, 2017)

Egypt

Appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/496 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/491 implementing Regulation 270/2011.

(Case T-358/17 *Mubarak v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 239/71](#))

Iran

i Appeal against the General Court’s judgment of February 17, 2017, dismissing the appeals against Council Decision 2013/497/CFSP amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP, Council Regulation 971/2013 amending Regulation 267/2012, Council Decision 2013/685/CFSP amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP, and Council Implementing Regulation 1203/2013 implementing Regulation 267/2012.

(Case C-225/17 P *Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines and Others v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 231/15](#))

ii Appeal against the General Court’s judgment of March 14, 2017, dismissing the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/556 amending Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/549 implementing Regulation 267/2012.

(Case C-248/17 P *Bank Tejarat v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 249/19](#))

iii Action for damages seeking compensation for the non-material damage suffered by the applicant as a result of the inclusion in table of certain annexes to Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP, Regulation 961/2010, Council Regulation 267/2012 repealing Regulation 961/2010, Council Decision 2013/661/CFSP amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 1154/2013 implementing Regulation 267/2012.

(Case T-455/17 *Bateni v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 300/36](#))

iv Order by the President of the General Court removing from the register the appeal against Council Decision 2015/2216/CFSP amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/2204 implementing Regulation 267/2012.

(Case T-56/16 *Oil Pension Fund Investment Company v. Council*, [order](#) of September 19, 2017, available in French)

Libya

Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Hungarian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the interpretation of Council Regulation 204/2011 and Council Regulation 2016/44.

(Case C-168/17 *SH v. TG*, [OJ 2017 C 221/5](#))

North Korea

Order by the President of the General Court partially removing from the register an appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1066 amending Decision 2013/183/CFSP, Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/1062 amending Council Regulation 329/2007, Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/475 amending Decision 2013/183/CFSP, Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/659 amending Council Regulation 329/2007, Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 repealing Decision 2013/183/CFSP and any related Council Implementing Regulation(s) in so far as those measures apply to the applicant.

(Joined Cases T-533/15, T-264/16 *Korea National Insurance Corporation Zweigniederlassung Deutschland and Korea International Insurance v. Council*, [order](#) of July 17, 2017)

Syria

i Appeal against the General Court's judgment of March 22, 2017 (i) dismissed as inadmissible the application for annulment of Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2016/840 implementing Regulation 36/2012, (ii) annulled Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/383 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP, Council Implementing Regulation 2015/375 implementing Regulation 36/2012, Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/837 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/828 implementing

Regulation 36/2012 and (ii) dismissed the application for damages by Mr. Haswani.

(Case C-313/17 P *Haswani v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 239/41](#))

ii Appeal against the General Court's judgment of May 18, 2017, in which the Court confirmed that the fund-freezing measures imposed on Rami Makhoul, cousin of Bashar al-Assad, must be maintained for the period 2016-2017.

(Case C-458/17 P *Rami Makhoul v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 309/31](#))

Ukraine/Russia

i The General Court dismissed the appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/364 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/357 implementing Regulation 208/2014.

(Case T-215/15 *Azarov v. Council*, [judgment](#) of July 7, 2017 available in French; Case T-221/15 *Arbuzov v. Council*, [judgment](#) of July 7, 2017 available in French)

ii Appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/381 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP.

(Case T-258/17 *Arbuzov v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 213/35](#))

iii Order by the Court of Justice dismissing the appeal against the General Court's order of July 12, 2016 by which the Court annulled Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Regulation 208/2014, in so far as they concern Mr. Viktor Viktorovich Yanukovich.

(Case C-505/16 P *Yanukovich v. Council*, [order](#) of July 6, 2017)

iv Appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/381 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/374 implementing Regulation 208/2014.

(Case T-285/17 *Viktor Fedorovich Yanukovich v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 231/37](#); Case T-286/17 *Oleksandr Viktorovich Yanukovich v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 231/38](#); Case T-290/17 *Stavytskyi v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 231/40](#))

v Order by the President of the General Court dismissing the application for interim measures seeking the suspension of operation of Council Implementing Decision 2014/512/CFSP and of Council Regulation 833/2014.

(Case T-737/14 R *Vnesheconombank v. Council*, [order](#) of September 28, 2017 available in French)

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Congo

- i The Council adopted legal acts transposing into EU law the recent amendment to the UN sanctions regime made by UN Security Council Resolution 2360/2017.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017)
- ii Council Regulation 2017/1326 amending Regulation 1183/2005.
([OJ 2017 L 185/19](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1340 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 185/55](#))

Gabon

The European Parliament adopted a resolution.

([Resolution](#), September 14, 2017)

Libya

- i The Council adopted conclusions.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017; [Council conclusions](#), July 17, 2017)
- ii Council Regulation 2017/1325 amending Regulation 2016/44.
([OJ 2017 L 185/16](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1338 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.
([OJ 2017 L 185/49](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 and in Council Regulation 2016/44.
([OJ 2017 C 232/6](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2016/44 apply.
([OJ 2017 C 232/7](#))
- vi Council Regulation 2017/1419 amending Regulation 2016/44.
([OJ 2017 L 204/1](#))
- vii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1423 amending Council Regulation 2016/44.
([OJ 2017 L 204/80](#))

viii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1427 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

([OJ 2017 L 204/99](#))

ix Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1429 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

([OJ 2017 L 204/110](#))

x Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1456 amending Council Regulation 2016/44.

([OJ 2017 L 208/31](#))

xi Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1458 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

([OJ 2017 L 208/36](#))

xii Notice for the attention of the ship owners of the vessels CAPRICORN and Lynn S, which were added to the list referred to in point (h) of Article 1 and in Article 15 of Council Regulation 2016/44, imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against vessels by the Sanctions Committee or the UN Security Council in accordance with paragraph 11 of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2146 (2014), by virtue of Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1423 and Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1456.

([OJ 2017 C 264/26](#))

xiii The Council extended the duration of the sanctions against Libya, targeting three persons for a period of six months.

([Council Press Release](#), September 28, 2017)

xiv Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1776 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

([OJ 2017 L 251/28](#))

Mali

i The Council transposed into legal acts the provisions of United Nations Security Council resolution 2374 (2017).

([Council Press Release](#), September 28, 2017)

ii Council Regulation 2017/1770 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali.

([OJ 2017 L 251/1](#))

iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali.

([OJ 2017 L 251/23](#))

Myanmar

The European Parliament adopted a resolution.

([Resolution](#), September 14, 2017)

North Korea

- i The Council adopted conclusions.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017)
- ii The EU removed one person and three entities from its sanctions list under EU autonomous restrictive measures because these person and entities became listed under the UN regime in June 2017, which are fully transposed by the EU.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017)
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1330 amending Council Regulation 329/2007.
([OJ 2017 L 185/31](#))
- iv Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1339 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2017 L 185/51](#))
- v The Council added nine persons and four entities to the lists of those subject to an asset freeze and travel restrictions, transposing part of the new sanctions imposed by UN Security Council resolution 2371 (2017).
([Council Press Release](#), August 10, 2017)
- vi Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1457 amending Council Regulation 329/2007.
([OJ 2017 L 208/33](#))
- vii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1459 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2017 L 208/38](#))
- viii Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1459.
([OJ 2017 C 264/1](#))
- ix Notice for the attention of certain natural persons and entities, who were added to the list referred to in Article 6(1) of Council Regulation 329/2007 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons entities and bodies designated by the Sanctions Committee or the UN Security Council in accordance with paragraph 8(d) of UN Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006), and paragraph 8 of UN Security Council Resolution 2094 (2013), or whose listing was amended, by virtue of Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1457.
([OJ 2017 C 264/27](#))
- x Council Regulation 2017/1501 amending Regulation 329/2007.
([OJ 2017 L 221/1](#))
- xi Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1504 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2017 L 221/22](#))
- xii Council Regulation 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against North Korea and repealing Regulation 329/2007.
([OJ 2017 L 224/1](#))
- xiii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1512 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2017 L 224/118](#))
- xiv EU foreign ministers agreed on the need for further sanctions against North Korea.
([Estonian Presidency Press Release](#), September 7, 2017)
- xv The Council further strengthened its restrictive measures against North Korea by transposing the sectoral sanctions imposed by UN Security Council resolution 2371 (2017).
([Council Press Release](#), September 14, 2017)
- xvi The Council added three entities and one person to the lists of those subject to an asset freeze and travel restrictions, transposing part of the new sanctions imposed by UN Security Council resolution 2375 (2017).
([Council Press Release](#), September 15, 2017)
- xvii Council Regulation 2017/1548 amending Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2017 L 237/39](#))
- xviii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1562 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2017 L 237/86](#))
- xix Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1568 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2017 L 238/10](#))
- xx Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1573 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2017 L 238/51](#))
- xxi Notice for the attention of the person and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1573, and Council Regulation 2017/1509, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1568.
([OJ 2017 C 308/13](#))

xxii Notice for the attention of the data subject to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2017/1509, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1568, apply.
([OJ 2017 C 308/15](#))

Syria

- i Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1241 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2017 L 178/1](#))
- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1245 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 178/13](#))
- iii The Council added sixteen persons to the list of those targeted by EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017)
- iv Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1327 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2017 L 185/20](#))
- v Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1341 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 185/56](#))
- vi Notice for the attention of a person and an entity subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2017 C 232/3](#))
- vii Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1341, and in Council Regulation 36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1327.
([OJ 2017 C 232/4](#))
- viii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 36/2012 apply.
([OJ 2017 C 232/5](#))
- ix The Council updated the information relating to four persons and one entity on the list of persons and entities under restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria.
([Council Press Release](#), September 25, 2017)
- x Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1754 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 246/7](#))

xi Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1751 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2017 L 246/1](#))

Ukraine/Russia

- i Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1374 implementing Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2017 L 194/1](#))
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1386 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 194/63](#))
- iii The EU added three Russian nationals and three companies involved in the transfer of gas turbines to Crimea to the list of persons subject to restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence.
([Council Press Release](#), August 4, 2017)
- iv Statement by President Juncker regarding new US sanctions on Russia.
([Commission Press Release](#), August 2, 2017)
- v Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1418 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 203 I/5](#))
- vi Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1417 implementing Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2017 L 203 I/1](#))
- vii Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1418, and in Council Regulation 269/2014 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1417.
([OJ 2017 C 255/7](#))
- viii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 269/2014 apply.
([OJ 2017 C 255/8](#))
- ix The Council prolonged the restrictive measures over actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine for a further six months.
([Council Press Release](#), September 14, 2017)
- x Council Regulation 2017/1547 amending Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2017 L 237/37](#))
- xi Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1549 implementing Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2017 L 237/44](#))

xii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1561 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.

([OJ 2017 L 237/72](#))

xiii Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1561, and in Council Regulation 269/2014 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1549.

([OJ 2017 C 305/2](#))

xiv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 269/2014, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1549 apply.

([OJ 2017 C 305/3](#))

Venezuela

The European Parliament adopted a resolution calling for EU sanctions.

([EP Press Release](#), September 14, 2017; [Resolution](#), September 13, 2017)

4. Other Measures

EU COURTS

Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)

Opinion by the Advocate General Wathelet advising the Court of Justice to hold that the arbitration clause in the investment protection agreement concluded between the Netherlands and Slovakia is compatible with EU law.

(Case C-284/16 *Achmea*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of September 19, 2017; [Court Press Release](#), September 19, 2017)

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State of the Union 2017 - Trade Package

The Commission unveiled a comprehensive package of trade and investment proposals for a progressive and ambitious trade agenda.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/3182, September 14, 2017; [Commission Press Release](#), September 14, 2017; [Commission Press Release](#), September 14, 2017; [Factsheet](#), September 13, 2017; [Factsheet](#), September 13, 2017; Commission report on delivering a progressive trade policy to harness globalization: [COM 2017/491](#), September 13, 2017; Commission communication: [COM 2017/492](#), September 13, 2017;

Proposed regulation establishing a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the EU: [COM 2017/487](#), September 13, 2017; [Commission staff working document](#), September 13, 2017; [Annex](#), September 13, 2017; Commission communication: [COM 2017/494](#), September 13, 2017; Recommendation for a Council decision authorizing the opening of negotiations for a Convention establishing a multilateral court for the settlement of investment disputes: [COM 2017/493](#), September 13, 2017; [Annex 1](#), September 13, 2017; [Impact assessment](#), September 13, 2017; [Executive summary](#) of the impact assessment, September 13, 2017; Recommendation for a Council decision authorizing the opening of negotiations for a free trade agreement with Australia: [COM 2017/472](#), September 13, 2017; [Annex 1](#), September 13, 2017; [Impact assessment](#), September 13, 2017; [Executive summary](#) of the impact assessment, September 13, 2017; Recommendation for a Council decision authorizing the opening of negotiations for a free trade agreement with New Zealand: [COM 2017/469](#), September 13, 2017; [Annex 1](#), September 13, 2017; [Impact assessment](#), September 13, 2017; [Executive summary](#) of the impact assessment, September 13, 2017; [Commission decision](#) setting up the group of experts on EU trade agreement, September 13, 2017)

Impact of international trade and EU's trade policies on global value chains

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the impact of international trade and the EU's trade policies on Global Value Chains (GVCs).

([EP Press Release](#), September 12, 2017; [Resolution](#), September 12, 2017)

Trade and sustainable development in EU trade agreements

The Commission published a non-paper on Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) in EU trade agreements.

([Commission Press Release](#), July 11, 2017; [Commission Daily News](#), July 13, 2017; [Non-paper](#), July 11, 2017)

Enforcement Regulation

Commission report initially reviewing the scope of the Enforcement Regulation.

([COM 2017/373](#), July 11, 2017)

Import of cultural goods

Proposed regulation on the import of cultural goods. ([COM 2017/375](#), July 13, 2017; [Annex 1](#), July 13, 2017; [Executive summary](#) of the impact assessment, July 13, 2017; [Impact assessment](#), July 13, 2017; [Opening remarks](#) by Commissioner Moscovici, July 13, 2017)

Trade defense

Fourteenth Commission report providing an overview of third country trade defense actions against the EU for the year 2016.

([COM 2017/401](#), July 27, 2017; [Commission staff working document](#), July 27, 2017)

Defense-related products

Commission directive amending Directive 2009/43 as regards the list of defense-related products.

([Text](#) of directive, July 13, 2017; [Annex](#), July 13, 2017)

Export credits

Commission delegated regulation amending Regulation 1233/2011 on the application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits.

([Text](#) of regulation, September 27, 2017; [Annex](#), September 27, 2017)

Dual-use items

The Commission adopted a delegated regulation amending Council Regulation 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items.

([Draft act](#), September 26, 2017; [Annex 1: Part 1](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 2](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 3](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 4](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 5](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 6](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 7](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 8](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 9](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 10](#), September 26, 2017; [Part 11](#), September 26, 2017; [Annex 2](#), September 26, 2017; [Annex 3](#), September 26, 2017)

Hearing Officer in trade proceedings

Notice regarding the designation of the acting Hearing Officer in trade proceedings.

([OJ 2017 C 215/66](#))

Defense-related products

The Council decided not to oppose the adoption by the Commission of a directive updating the list of defense-related products contained in Directive 2009/43.

([Council Press Release](#), September 25, 2017)

Firearms Directive

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1204 correcting the Slovak language version of Implementing Regulation 2015/2403 establishing common guidelines on deactivation standards and techniques for ensuring that deactivated firearms are rendered irreversibly inoperable.

([OJ 2017 L 173/12](#))

Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)

Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 in support of OSCE activities to reduce the risk of illicit trafficking and excessive accumulation of SALW and conventional ammunition in Macedonia and Georgia.

([OJ 2017 L 204/82](#))

Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)

i Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1195 amending Decision 2014/129/CFSP promoting the European network of independent non-proliferation think tanks in support of the implementation of the EU strategy against proliferation of WMD.

([OJ 2017 L 172/14](#))

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1252 in support of the strengthening of chemical safety and security in Ukraine in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery.

([OJ 2017 L 179/8](#))

III. EC Customs Policy

EU COURTS

Customs Union

i External transit - TIR Convention - Transport carried out under cover of a TIR carnet - TIR operation not discharged - Liability of the guaranteeing association - Joint and several liability - Duty of the competent authorities to require payment so far as possible from the person or persons directly liable before making a claim against

the guaranteeing association - Determination of the debtors of the customs debt - Persons who acquired or held the goods and who were aware or should reasonably have been aware that they had been removed from customs supervision.

(Case C-224/16 *AEBTRI*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of July 5, 2017)

- ii The General Court annulled the Commission's decision of July 16, 2014 on the refusal of the application for remission of import duties.

(Case T-752/14 *Combaro v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of July 19, 2017 available in French)

Common Customs Tariff

- i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Bulgarian court seeking advice from the Court of Justice regarding the application of the Common Customs Tariff definition of gas oil to the grades defined for use in arctic or severe winter climates.

(Case C-185/17 *Nachalnik na Mitnitsa Varna*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2017 C 213/21](#))

- ii Appeal against the General Court's judgment of February 16, 2017 by which the Court dismissed the appeal against Council Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products and repealing Regulation 1344/2011, to the extent that those measures deprived the applicant of its entitlement to three duty suspensions which it previously enjoyed under former TARIC Codes 2918 2900 80, 3811 2900 10 and 3811 9000 30.

(Case C-223/17 P *Lubrizol France v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 221/11](#))

Combined Nomenclature

- i Order of the General Court dismissing as inadmissible the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1140 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

(Case T-716/16 *Pfizer and Pfizer Santé familiale v. Commission*, [order](#) of July 19, 2017)

- ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the interpretation of Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87, in particular on whether spinal fixation systems fall under subheading 9021 90 90.

(Case C-227/17 *Medtronic*, [OJ 2017 C 249/19](#))

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Framework for customs infringements and sanctions

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposed directive on the Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions.

([Resolution](#), July 5, 2017)

Customs enforcement of intellectual property rights

The Commission published its annual report on EU customs enforcement of intellectual property rights.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/2082, July 20, 2017; [Report](#))

EU/New Zealand

The EU and New Zealand signed an agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

([Commission Daily News](#), July 3, 2017)

Cooperation and exchange of customs related information with third countries

- i Commission inception impact assessment with regard to exchange of customs related information with third countries.

([Inception impact assessment](#), July 10, 2017)

- ii The Commission started a consultation on the exchange of customs-related information with third countries.

([Questionnaire](#), July 2017)

TIR Convention

- i Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention as regards the proposal to amend the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets.

([COM 2017/408](#), August 8, 2017; [Annex](#), August 8, 2017)

- ii Presidency compromise text on the draft Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention as regards the proposal to amend the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets.

([Presidency compromise text](#), September 11, 2017; [General Secretariat note](#), September 11, 2017)

- iii Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Administrative

Committee for the TIR Convention as regards the proposal to amend the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets of 1975.

([Text](#) of decision, September 19, 2017)

- iv The Council adopted a decision in support of a proposal to introduce a number of amendments to the 1978 Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets. ([Council Press Release](#), September 25, 2017; [Text](#) of decision, September 19, 2017)

Customs Code

Commission implementing regulation on technical arrangements for developing, maintaining and employing electronic systems for the exchange of information and for the storage of such information under the Union Customs Code.

([Draft act](#), July 20, 2017)

Additional customs duties on imports from the US

Amended proposed regulation on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([COM 2017/361](#), July 4, 2017; [Annexes](#) 1–4, July 4, 2017)

Common Customs Tariff

Commission Implementing Regulations 2017/1343 and 2017/1344 amending Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff.

([OJ 2017 L 186/1](#); [OJ 2017 L 186/3](#))

Combined Nomenclature

- i Commission Implementing Regulations 2017/1166 to 2017/1170, 2017/1232 to 2017/1234, 2017/1267 to 2017/1268, 2017/1465, 2017/1472 and 2017/1476 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2017 L 170/47](#); [OJ 2017 L 170/50](#); [OJ 2017 L 170/53](#); [OJ 2017 L 170/56](#); [OJ 2017 L 170/59](#); [OJ 2017 L 177/23](#); [OJ 2017 L 177/26](#); [OJ 2017 L 177/29](#); [OJ 2017 L 183/3](#); [OJ 2017 L 183/6](#); [OJ 2017 L 209/5](#); [OJ 2017 L 210/1](#); [OJ 2017 L 211/3](#))

- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1266 repealing Regulation 2494/96 concerning the

classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2017 L 183/1](#))

- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1477 amending Regulation 1051/2009 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2017 L 211/6](#))

- iv Explanatory notes to the EU's Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2017 C 226/5](#); [OJ 2017 C 305/5](#); [OJ 2017 C 321/6](#))

IV. EU External Relations

A. Enlargement

Turkey

The European Parliament adopted a resolution.

([EP Press Release](#), July 6, 2017; [EP Press Release](#), July 6, 2017; [EP Press Release](#), July 6, 2017; [Resolution](#), July 6, 2017)

Macedonia

Joint statement following the thirteenth meeting of the Stabilization and Association Council between the EU and Macedonia.

([Council Press Release](#), July 18, 2017)

B. Multi- or Plurilateral

AMERICAS

EU/Mercosur

The Commission published a report summarizing the progress made during the latest negotiating round for the EU/Mercosur trade agreement.

([Commission Daily News](#), July 18, 2017; [Report](#), July 2017)

EU/CARIFORUM States

- i Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the Joint EU/CARIFORUM Council of the EU/CARIFORUM economic partnership agreement, as regards the amendment of Annex IX to Protocol I: Overseas countries and territories.

([COM 2017/396](#), July 27, 2017; [Annex](#), July 27, 2017)

- ii Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the Joint EU/CARIFORUM Council of the EU/CARIFORUM economic partnership agreement, as regards the establishment of a list of Arbitrators. ([COM 2017/399](#), July 27, 2017; [Annex](#), July 27, 2017)

ASIA

EU/ASEAN

The Council endorsed the EU/ASEAN plan of action (2018–2022).

([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017)

AFRICA

EU/Eastern and Southern Africa States

The Council adopted the EU decision to add Croatia to the list of countries and territories associated with the EU in the framework of the interim agreement concluded between the EU and the Eastern and Southern Africa States establishing a framework for an economic partnership agreement.

([Council Press Release](#), September 25, 2017)

C. Bilateral

AFRICA

EU/Egypt

- i The Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) published a joint report on the state of EU/Egypt relations. ([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/1981, July 17, 2017; [Joint staff working document](#), July 13, 2017)
- ii The EU/Egypt Association Council endorsed the EU/Egypt partnership priorities for 2017–2020. ([Council Press Release](#), July 25, 2017)
- iii EU position for the seventh EU/Egypt Association Council. ([Statement](#) by the EU, July 25, 2017)
- iv Recommendation 1/2017 of the EU/Egypt Association Council agreeing on the EU/Egypt partnership priorities. ([OJ 2017 L 236/23](#))

AMERICAS

EU/Cuba

The European Parliament adopted two resolutions with regard to the EU/Cuba political dialogue and cooperation agreement.

([EP Press Release](#), July 5, 2017; [EP Press Release](#), July 4, 2017; [Resolution](#), July 5, 2017; [Resolution](#), July 5, 2017)

EU/US

The Commission decided to register a European Citizens' initiative inviting the Commission to recommend to the Council to repeal the negotiating mandate for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and not to conclude the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) ('Stop TTIP' Initiative).

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/1872, July 4, 2017; [OJ 2017 L 179/16](#))

EU/Mexico

The Commission published a report summarizing the progress made during the latest negotiating round for the EU/Mexico trade agreement.

([Commission Daily News](#), July 18, 2017; [Report](#), July 2017; [List](#) of published textual proposals, July 18, 2017)

EU/Canada

- i The EU and Canada agreed to set a date for the provisional application of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). ([Statement](#) by President Juncker and Prime Minister Trudeau, July 8, 2017)
- ii Notice concerning the provisional application of the EU/Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). ([OJ 2017 L 238/9](#))

EU/Chile

The European Parliament adopted a recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) on the negotiations of the modernization of the trade pillar of the EU/Chile association agreement.

([Recommendation](#), September 14, 2017)

ASIA

EU/Kazakhstan

Appeal brought by the Commission against Council Decision 2017/477 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Cooperation Council established under the enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and Kazakhstan as regards the working arrangements of the Cooperation Council, the Cooperation Committee, specialized subcommittees or any other bodies.

(Case C-244/17 *Commission v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 239/29](#))

EU/Japan

i The EU and Japan reached a political agreement in principle on two landmark agreements, the economic partnership agreement and the strategic partnership agreement.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/1927, July 6, 2017; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/1902, July 6, 2017; [Commission memo](#), July 6, 2017; [Commission factsheet](#), July 6, 2017; [Outcome of negotiations for an agreement in principle](#), July 6, 2017; [Factsheet](#) (Agriculture), July 6, 2017; [Factsheet](#) (Food safety and sanitary and phytosanitary measures), July 6, 2017; [Factsheet](#) (Market access), July 6, 2017; [Factsheet](#) (Precautionary principle), July 6, 2017; [Factsheet](#) (Public procurement), July 6, 2017; [Factsheet](#) (Regulatory cooperation), July 6, 2017; [Factsheet](#) (Sustainable development), July 6, 2017; [Statement](#), July 6, 2017; [Joint declaration](#), July 6, 2017; [Remarks](#) by President Tusk, July 6, 2017; [Remarks](#) by President Juncker, July 6, 2017; [Statement](#) by President Tajani, July 6, 2017)

ii The Council decided to publish the directives given to the Commission to negotiate a trade agreement with Japan.

([Council Press Release](#), September 14, 2017; [Document](#), September 14, 2017)

EU/Uzbekistan

The Council endorsed the EU's position ahead of the thirteenth meeting of the EU/Uzbekistan Cooperation Council.

([Council Press Release](#), July 11, 2017)

EU/Pakistan

The Council adopted conclusions.

([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017; [Council conclusions](#), July 17, 2017)

EU/India

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on EU political relations with India.

([Resolution](#), September 13, 2017)

EU/China

The Commission published its report of the fourteenth round of negotiations for the EU/China investment agreement.

([Report](#), July 24, 2017)

EU/Indonesia

The Commission published a report summarizing the progress made during the latest negotiating round for the EU/Indonesia trade agreement. In addition, the Commission published eight initial text proposals the EU submitted to Indonesia ahead of the round, together with accompanying explanatory memos.

([Commission Daily News](#), September 29, 2017; [Commission Press Release](#), September 29, 2017; [Report](#), September 2017)

EU/Philippines

The Council adopted a decision on the conclusion of the framework agreement on partnership and cooperation between the EU and the Philippines.

([Council Press Release](#), September 25, 2017)

EU/Kyrgyz Republic

i Council decision authorizing the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the EU, the provisions that fall within the competence of the Union of a comprehensive agreement between the EU and the Kyrgyz Republic.

([Text](#) of decision, August 25, 2017)

ii Decision of the representatives of the government of the Member States, meeting within the Council, authorizing the Commission to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States of a comprehensive agreement between the EU and the Kyrgyz Republic.

([Text](#) of decision, August 25, 2017)

iii Council decision authorizing the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the EU, the provisions that fall within the competence of the Union of a comprehensive agreement between the EU and the Kyrgyz Republic.

([Text](#) of decision, September 20, 2017)

iv Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council authorizing the Commission to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States of a comprehensive agreement between the EU and the Kyrgyz Republic.

([Text](#) of decision, September 20, 2017)

EU/Armenia

i Joint proposed Council decision on the Union position within the Cooperation Council established by the EU/Armenia partnership and cooperation agreement.

([JOIN 2017/24](#), July 10, 2017; [Annex](#) 1, July 10, 2017)

ii Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Cooperation Council established by the EU/Armenia partnership and cooperation agreement, with regard to the adoption of the EU/Armenia partnership priorities.

([Text](#) of decision, September 18, 2017)

iii The Council adopted the position to be taken by the EU within the Cooperation Council between the EU and Armenia on the EU/Armenia partnership priorities.

([Council Press Release](#), September 25, 2017)

iv Recommendation for a Council decision approving the conclusion by the Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the EU/Armenia comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement.

([COM 2017/549](#), September 25, 2017)

v Joint proposed Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the EU/Armenia comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement.

([JOIN 2017/37](#), September 25, 2017; [Annex](#) 1, September 25, 2017; [Annex](#) 2, September 25, 2017; [Annex](#) 3, September 25, 2017; [Annex](#) 4, September

25, 2017; [Annex](#) 5, September 25, 2017; [Annex](#) 6, September 25, 2017)

EU/Afghanistan

Joint proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, within the Joint Committee established by the EU/Afghanistan cooperation agreement on partnership and development, as regards the adoption of the Joint Committee's rules of procedure and the setting-up of two special working groups.

([JOIN 2017/23](#), July 10, 2017; [Annexes](#) 1–2, July 10, 2017)

EUROPE

EU/Ukraine

i The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposed regulation on the introduction of temporary autonomous trade measures for Ukraine supplementing the trade concessions available under the association agreement.

([EP Press Release](#), July 4, 2017; [Resolution](#), July 4, 2017; [Consolidated text](#) of regulation, July 6, 2017)

ii The Council adopted a decision to conclude the association agreement with Ukraine on behalf of the EU.

([Council Press Release](#), July 11, 2017; [Remarks](#) by President Tusk, July 13, 2017)

iii Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, within the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Management Sub-Committee established by the EU/Ukraine association agreement, as regards the modification of Annex V to that agreement.

([Text](#) of decision, July 11, 2017)

iv Council Decision 2017/1247 on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the EU/Ukraine association agreement, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party.

([OJ 2017 L 181/1](#))

- v Council Decision 2017/1248 on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the EU/Ukraine association agreement, as regards provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party.
([OJ 2017 L 181/4](#))
- vi The Council adopted a set of temporary autonomous trade measures in favor of Ukraine.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017)
- vii The Council established the EU position to be taken within the sanitary and phytosanitary sub-committee under the EU/Ukraine association agreement as regards the sub-committee's decision to modify annex V to the agreement (sanitary and phytosanitary measures).
([Council Press Release](#), July 17–18, 2017; [Text](#) of decision, July 11, 2017)
- viii Council Decision 2017/1391 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, within the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Management Sub-Committee established by the EU/Ukraine association agreement as regards the modification of Annex V to that Agreement.
([OJ 2017 L 195/13](#))

EU/Macedonia

The Council established a common EU position ahead of the thirteenth meeting of the Stabilization and Association Council with Macedonia.
([Council Press Release](#), July 11, 2017)

EU/Kosovo

- i The Council adopted a decision on the conclusion of the framework agreement between the EU and Kosovo concerning the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programs.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17–18, 2017)
- ii Commission Delegated Regulation 2017/1464 amending Council Regulation 1215/2009 as regards trade concessions granted to Kosovo following the entry into force of the EU/Kosovo stabilization and association agreement.
([OJ 2017 L 209/1](#))

EU/Moldova

- i Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the EU/Moldova Association Council as regards the amendment of

Annex XXVI to the EU/Moldova association agreement.

([Text](#) of decision, July 5, 2017)

- ii The Council established the EU position to be taken within the EU/Moldova Association Council in order to amend Annex XXVI to the EU/Moldova association agreement.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17–18, 2017)
 - iii Council Decision 2017/1364 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the EU/Moldova Association Council as regards the amendment of Annex XXVI to the EU/Moldova association agreement.
([OJ 2017 L 191/3](#))
 - iv Draft Recommendation 1/2017 of the EU/Moldova Association Council on the EU/Moldova Association Agenda.
([Text](#) of recommendation, July 31, 2017)
 - v Council Decision 2017/1435 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Council established by the EU/Moldova association agreement, with regard to the adoption of the EU/Moldova Association Agenda.
([OJ 2017 L 205/68](#))
 - vi Recommendation 1/2017 of the EU/Moldova Association Council on the EU/Moldova association agenda.
([OJ 2017 L 215/3](#))
- #### **EU/Georgia**
- i Decision 1/2015 of the EU/Georgia Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee adopting its rules of procedure.
([OJ 2017 L 191/7](#))
 - ii Decision 2/2015 of the EU/Georgia Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee establishing the list of experts on trade and sustainable development.
([OJ 2017 L 191/9](#))
- #### **MIDDLE EAST**
- ##### **EU/Lebanon**
- The Council adopted the EU position for the EU/Lebanon Association Council.
([Council Press Release](#), July 17, 2017)

EU/Jordan

EU position for the 12th EU/Jordan Association Council.

([Statement](#) by the EU, July 10, 2017)

OCEANIA**EU/Australia**

Council Decision 2017/1546 on the signing, on behalf of the EU, and provisional application of the EU/Australia framework agreement.

([OJ 2017 L 237/5](#); Agreement: [OJ 2017 L 237/7](#))

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