

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 fourth quarter of 2017.

I. WTO

1. Dispute Settlement

United States files second WTO complaint over Canadian wine sale restrictions

The United States has requested WTO consultations with Canada regarding measures maintained by the Canadian province of British Columbia governing the sale of wine in grocery stores.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), October 2, 2017)

Ukraine files WTO complaint over Russian import, transit restrictions

Ukraine has requested WTO consultations with Russia regarding Russian measures affecting trade in certain products such as juice, alcoholic beverages, confectionery, and wallpaper from Ukraine.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), October 19, 2017)

Canada initiates WTO dispute proceedings on US softwood lumber duties

Canada has requested WTO consultations with the United States regarding US anti-dumping and countervailing duties imposed on imports of softwood lumber from Canada.

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

GCC Countries launch safeguard investigation on prepared additives for cements, mortars, or concretes (chemical plasticizers)

On October 3, 2017, Bahrain notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that the GCC's competent authority initiated on September 20, 2017 a safeguard investigation on prepared additives for cements, mortars, or concretes (chemical plasticizers).

[\(WTO Press Release](#), October 3, 2017)

India launches safeguard investigation on solar cells

On December 19, 2017, India notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated a safeguard

investigation on solar cells, whether or not assembled in modules or panels.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), December 19, 2017)

Mexico appeals compliance panel rulings on revised US “dolphin-safe” tuna labeling measure

Mexico filed a notice of appeal on December 1, 2017 in the cases brought by the United States and Mexico in “United States – Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products – Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by the United States” and “United States – Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products – Second Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Mexico” (DS381).

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

PANELS ESTABLISHED

WTO sets up panel to review UAE measures on goods, services, and IP rights

At the request of Qatar, the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) agreed on November 22, 2017 to establish a panel to examine measures imposed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Qatar affecting trade in goods and services and the protection of intellectual property rights.

[\(WTO Press Release](#), November 22, 2017)

PANEL REPORTS ISSUED

WTO issues panel report regarding Indonesian restrictions on chicken imports

On October 17, 2017, the WTO issued the panel report in the case brought by Brazil in “Indonesia - Measures Concerning the Importation of Chicken Meat and Chicken Products” (WT/DS484).

[\(WTO Press Release](#), October 17, 2017)

WTO issues compliance panel reports on revised US “dolphin-safe” tuna labeling measure

On October 26, 2017, the WTO issued the panel reports in the cases brought by the United States and Mexico in “United States - Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products - Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by the United States” and “United States – Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna



Products – Second Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Mexico” (DS381).

([WTO Press Release](#), October 26, 2017)

WTO issues panel report regarding US anti-dumping measures on certain Korean tubular goods

On November 14, 2017, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Korea in “United States - Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from Korea” (DS488).

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

WTO issues panel report on US paper duties

On December 6, 2017, the WTO circulated the panel report in the dispute brought by Indonesia in “United States - Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures On Certain Coated Paper From Indonesia” (DS491).

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

APPELLATE BODY

Appellate Body issues report regarding Indonesian import restrictions

On November 9, 2017, the WTO Appellate Body issued its report in the cases brought by New Zealand and the United States in “Indonesia - Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products” (DS477 and DS478).

([WTO Press Release](#), November 9, 2017)

2. Other Developments

WTO Ministerial Conference

- i The European Parliament adopted a resolution on multilateral negotiations in view of the eleventh WTO Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires.
([EP Press Release](#), November 15, 2017; [Resolution](#), November 15, 2017)
- ii Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Ministerial Conference of the WTO as regards public stockholding for food security purposes, trade-distorting domestic support, including for cotton, export restrictions in agriculture, fisheries subsidies, domestic regulation in services, and SMEs/Transparency of Regulatory Measures for Trade in Goods.
([COM 2017/668](#), November 16, 2017)

- iii First and second Council conclusions on the eleventh WTO Ministerial Conference.

([Council conclusions](#), December 10, 2017; [Council conclusions](#), December 13, 2017)

TRADE POLICY REVIEWS

Iceland

([WTO Press Release](#), October 4 & 6, 2017; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), August 30, 2017)

Members of the West African Economic And Monetary Union (WAEMU)

([WTO Press Release](#), October 25 & 27, 2017; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), September 20, 2017)

Plurinational State of Bolivia

([WTO Press Release](#), November 14 & 16, 2017; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), September 26, 2017)

Cambodia

([WTO Press Release](#), November 21 & 23, 2017; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), October 17, 2017)

II. EU Commercial Policy

1. Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy

EU COURTS

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

The Court of Justice dismissed the appeal against the General Court’s orders of February 1, 2016 (i) dismissing as inadmissible the appeals against Council Implementing Regulation 1239/2013 and 1238/2013 imposing a definitive countervailing and anti-dumping duty on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China and (ii) removing Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Changshu), Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Luoyang), and Csi Cells and Csi Solar Power (China) as interveners.

(Case C-205/16 P *SolarWorld v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 9, 2017; Case C-204/16 P *SolarWorld v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 9, 2017)

Certain prepared or preserved sweetcorn in kernels originating in Thailand

The General Court annulled Council Implementing Regulation 307/2014 amending Implementing Regulation 875/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain prepared or preserved sweetcorn in kernels originating in Thailand following an interim review pursuant of Article 11(3) of Regulation 1225/2009.

(Case T-460/14 *Association européenne des transformateurs de maïs doux (AETMD) v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 14, 2017)

Bicycles

i The General Court annulled Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/776 extending the definitive anti-dumping duties imposed by Council Regulation 502/2013 on imports of bicycles originating in China to imports of bicycles consigned from Cambodia, Pakistan, and the Philippines, whether declared as originating in Cambodia, Pakistan, and the Philippines or not, to the extent that it applies to Kolachi Raj Industrial.

(Case T-435/15 *Kolachi Raj Industrial v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of October 10, 2017)

ii The Court of Justice dismissed 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 *European Bicycle Manufacturers Association (EBMA) v. Giant (China)*, [judgment](#) of December 14, 2017)

iii Hearing in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/776 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation 502/2013 on imports of bicycles originating in China to imports of bicycles consigned from Cambodia, Pakistan, and the Philippines, whether declared as originating in Cambodia, Pakistan, and the Philippines or not.

(Case T-462/15 *Asia Leader International (Cambodia) v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China

The Court of Justice held that Council Implementing Regulation 412/2013 allows the presentation, after the customs declaration has been made, of a valid commercial invoice, for the purposes of fixing a definitive anti-dumping duty, in the case where all the other preconditions necessary for obtaining a company-specific anti-dumping duty rate are satisfied and compliance with the proper application of the anti-dumping duties is ensured, this being a matter for the referring court to verify.

(Case C-156/16 *Tigers*, [judgment](#) of October 12, 2017)

Solar glass originating in China

Opinion of the Advocate General Mengozzi advising the Court of Justice to (i) set aside the General Court's judgment of March 16, 2016, in which the Court annulled Commission Implementing Regulation 470/2014 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty, (ii) reject the first part of the first plea in law in the action brought by Xinyi PV Products (Anhui) Holdings, and (iii) refer the case back to the General Court for the remainder. (Case C-301/16 P *Commission v. Xinyi PV Products (Anhui) Holdings*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of December 5, 2017)

Ceramic tiles originating in China

Hearing in the appeal against the Commission's implementing decision of July 11, 2016, rejecting a request for a partial interim review limited to dumping aspects with regard to the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed by Council Implementing Regulation 917/2011.

(Case T-654/16 *Foshan Lihua Ceramic v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

Tartaric acid originating in China

Hearing in the appeal against Council Implementing Regulation 626/2012 amending Council Implementing Regulation 349/2012 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case T-431/12 *Distillerie Bonollo and Others v. Council*, report for the hearing)

Aspartame originating in China

Order by the President of the General Court granting the request for confidential treatment, vis-à-vis Hyet Sweet, in respect of certain information in the context

of the appeal brought by Changmao Biochemical Engineering against Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1247 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

(Case T-741/16 *Changmao Biochemical Engineering v. Commission*, [order](#) of September 27, 2017)

Stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in China and Taiwan

Order by the President of the General Court granting the application for confidential treatment in so far as it concerns the information referred to in paragraphs 24, 27, 29, 30, 32, 37, 38, 40, 51, 53, 57, 65, and 70 of the present order, vis-à-vis Eurofer, Association Européenne de l'Acier.

(Case T-607/15 *Yieh United Steel v. Commission*, [order](#) of September 27, 2017)

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

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1146 re-imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of threaded tube or pipe cast fittings, of malleable cast iron, originating in China, manufactured by Jinan Meide Castings.

(Case T-650/17 *Jinan Meide Casting v. Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 374/49](#))

Certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China

Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Danish court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the validity of Council Regulation 91/2009 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case C-592/17 *Skatteministeriet v. Baby Dan*, reference for a preliminary ruling, [OJ 2017 C 424/25](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Anti-dumping and Anti-Subsidy Legislation/Trade defense

i The European Parliament and Council reached an informal agreement on the proposal adopted by the Commission in November 2016 to change the EU's anti-dumping and anti-subsidy legislation.

([EP Press Release](#), October 3, 2017; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/3668, October 3, 2017; [Questions and answers](#), October 4, 2017)

ii EU ambassadors endorsed the political agreement reached between the Estonian Presidency and

European Parliament on a proposed methodology for assessing market distortions in third countries.

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

iii The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade confirmed a recent informal agreement with EU ministers on new anti-dumping measures protecting jobs and industry.

([EP Press Release](#), October 12, 2017)

iv Thirty-fifth annual Commission report on the EU's anti-dumping, anti-subsidy, and safeguard activities (2016).

([COM 2017/598](#), October 17, 2017; [Commission staff working document](#), October 17, 2017)

v The European Parliament adopted a resolution 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.

([EP Press Release](#), November 15, 2017; [Resolution](#), November 15, 2017)

vi 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.

([Consolidated text](#) of the regulation, November 23, 2017)

vii The Council approved new rules to help protect the EU against unfair trade practices.

([Council Press Release](#), December 4, 2017)

viii The Commission, Council, and European Parliament reached a political agreement on the modernization of the EU's trade defense instruments.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/5136, December 5, 2017; [EP Press Release](#), December 6, 2017)

ix 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.

([Revised consolidated text](#) of the regulation, December 12, 2017)

- x EU ambassadors confirmed the outcome of the final informal trilogue of December 5, 2017 on a proposal to modernize the EU's trade defense instruments. ([Council Press Release](#), December 20, 2017)
- xi The Commission published a report on significant distortions in the economy of China for the purposes of trade defense investigations. ([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/5346, December 20, 2017; [Report](#), December 20, 2017; [Questions and answers](#), December 20, 2017)
- xii Regulation 2017/2321 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. ([OJ 2017 L 338/1](#))

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

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1994 initiating a review of Implementing Regulations 2016/184 and 2016/185 extending the definitive countervailing and anti-dumping duty on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China to imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) consigned from Malaysia and Taiwan, whether declared as originating in Malaysia and in Taiwan or not) for the purposes of determining the possibility of granting an exemption from those measures to one Malaysian 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 288/30](#))
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1997 amending Implementing Regulations 2016/184 and 2016/185 extending the definitive countervailing and anti-dumping duty on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China to imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) consigned from Malaysia and Taiwan, whether declared as originating in Malaysia and in Taiwan or not. ([OJ 2017 L 289/1](#))

Certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy, or other alloy steel originating in Brazil, Iran, Russia, Ukraine, and Serbia

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1795 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy, or other alloy steel originating in Brazil, Iran, Russia, and Ukraine and terminating the investigation on imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy, or other alloy steel originating in Serbia. ([OJ 2017 L 258/24](#))

Certain footwear with uppers of leather originating in China and Vietnam

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1982 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 Dongguan Luzhou Shoes, Dongguan Shingtak Shoes, Guangzhou Dragon Shoes, Guangzhou Evervan Footwear, Guangzhou Guangda Shoes, Long Son Joint Stock Company, and Zhaoqing Li Da Shoes, implementing the judgment of the Court of Justice in Joined Cases C-659/13 and C-34/14. ([OJ 2017 L 285/14](#))
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2232 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 certain exporting producers in China and Vietnam and implementing the judgment of the Court of Justice in Joined Cases C-659/13 and C-34/14. ([OJ 2017 L 319/30](#))

Certain stainless steel wires originating in India

Notice concerning the judgment of July 11, 2017, in case T-67/14 in relation to Council Implementing Regulation 1106/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty. ([OJ 2017 C 334/3](#))

Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1932 amending Council Implementing Regulation

412/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

[\(OJ 2017 L 273/4\)](#)

- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2207 amending Council Implementing Regulation 412/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

[\(OJ 2017 L 314/31\)](#)

Certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibers originating in China and consigned from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Thailand

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1993 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibers originating in China as extended to imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibers consigned from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Thailand, whether declared as originating in these countries or not, following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2017 L 288/4\)](#)

Certain aluminum foil originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2213 amending Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/271 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation 925/2009 on imports of certain aluminum foil originating in China to imports of slightly modified certain aluminum foil.

[\(OJ 2017 L 316/17\)](#)

Hand pallet trucks and their essential parts originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2206 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2017 L 314/12\)](#)

Certain seamless pipes and tubes of stainless steel originating in China and consigned from India

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2093 terminating the investigation concerning possible circumvention of the anti-dumping measures imposed by Council Implementing Regulation 1331/2011 on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of stainless steel originating in China by imports consigned from India, whether declared as originating in India or not, and terminating the registration of such imports

imposed by Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/272.

[\(OJ 2017 L 299/1\)](#)

Ceramic tiles originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2179 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2017 L 307/25\)](#)

Trichloroisocyanuric acid originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2230 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2017 L 319/10\)](#)

Citric acid

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2300 initiating an investigation concerning the possible circumvention of anti-dumping measures imposed by Implementing Regulation 2015/82 on imports of citric acid originating in China by imports of citric acid consigned from Cambodia, whether declared as originating in Cambodia or not, and making such imports subject to registration.

[\(OJ 2017 L 329/39\)](#)

- ii Notice concerning the change of address of a company subject to an individual anti-dumping duty rate.

[\(OJ 2017 C 391/3\)](#)

- iii Notice concerning the change of address of a company that has offered an undertaking in connection with the anti-dumping proceeding.

[\(OJ 2017 C 391/4\)](#)

High tenacity yarns of polyesters originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2368 amending Implementing Regulation 2017/325 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2017 L 337/24\)](#)

Silicon originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Brazil

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.

[\(OJ 2017 C 438/39\)](#)

Electric bicycles originating in China

Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding.

([OJ 2017 C 440/22](#))

Certain prepared or preserved sweetcorn in kernels originating in Thailand

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

([OJ 2017 C 440/21](#))

Chamois leather originating in China

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

([OJ 2017 C 416/15](#))

Certain aluminum radiators originating in China

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

([OJ 2017 C 377/11](#))

Ironing boards originating in China

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

([OJ 2017 C 362/30](#))

New and retreaded tires for buses or lorries originating in China

Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding.

([OJ 2017 C 346/9](#))

Electric bicycles originating in China

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.

([OJ 2017 C 353/19](#))

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

- i The Council decided not to object to a Commission regulation amending Annexes II, III, and IV to Regulation 978/2012 on the EU's scheme of generalized tariff preferences as concerns beneficiary countries.
([Council Press Release](#), November 20, 2017; [Text](#) of regulation, September 28, 2017)
- ii The Commission adopted a delegated regulation amending Annexes V and IX to Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences.
([Draft act](#), December 14, 2017; [Annexes](#), December 14, 2017)

- iii Commission delegated regulation amending Annexes V and IX to Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences.
([Text](#) of regulation, December 15, 2017)

3. Sanctions**EU COURTS****Congo**

Appeal against Council Implementing Regulation 2017/904 implementing Article 9(2) of Regulation 1183/2005, and Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/905 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP. (Case T-582/17 *Boshab and Others v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 374/41](#))

Iran

The General Court dismissed the action for damages for the harm allegedly suffered as a result of the applicants' inclusion on the list of persons, entities, and bodies in Annex V to Regulation 423/2007 and in Annex VIII to Regulation 961/2010.

(Case T-692/15 *HTTS Hanseatic Trade Trust & Shipping v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 13, 2017, available in French)

North Korea

- i Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/993 amending Council Regulation 329/2007 and Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/994 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
(Case T-564/17 *Tong Myong v. Council and Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 338/19](#))
- ii Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/993 amending Council Regulation 329/2007, Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/994 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1459 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, and Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1457 amending Council Regulation 329/2007.
(Case T-568/17 *Korea National Insurance Corporation v. Council and Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 338/19](#))

Russia/Ukraine

- i The Court of Justice confirmed the freezing of funds of Mr. Viktor Yanukovich, former President of

- Ukraine, and of his son Oleksandr for the period from March 6, 2015 until March 6, 2016.
(Case C-598/16 P *Viktor Fedorovych Yanukovych v. Council*, [judgment](#) of October 19, 2017; Case C-599/16 P *Oleksandr Viktorovych Yanukovych v. Council*, [judgment](#) of October 19, 2017; [Court Press Release](#), October 19, 2017)
- ii The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/364 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP, Council Implementing Regulation 2015/357 implementing Regulation 208/2014, Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/318 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP, Council Implementing Regulation 2016/311 implementing Regulation 208/2014, Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/381 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP, and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/374 implementing Regulation 208/2014.
(Case T-245/15 *Klymenko v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 8, 2017)
- iii The General Court annulled (i) Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/364 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/357 implementing Regulation 208/2014 and (ii) Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/318 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/311 implementing Regulation 208/2014, in so far as they apply to the applicant.
(Case T-246/15 *Ivanyushchenko v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 8, 2017)
- iv Appeal against the General Court's judgment of July 7, 2017, dismissing the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/364 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/357 implementing Regulation 208/2014.
(Case C-530/17 P *Azarov v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 374/21](#))
- v Orders of the Court of Justice dismissing the appeals against the General Court's orders of July 19, 2017, setting the total amount of the costs to be reimbursed by Ukraine to the applicants.
(Case C-551/17 P *Ukraine v. Yanukovych*, [order](#) of November 23, 2017; Case C-550/17 P *Ukraine v. Yanukovych*, [order](#) of November 23, 2017; Case C-549/17 P *Ukraine v. Yanukovych*, [order](#) of November 23, 2017)
- vi Hearing in the appeal against Council Decision 2014/659/CFSP amending Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP and Council Regulation 960/2014 amending Council Regulation 833/2014.
(Case T-715/14 *Rosneft and Others v. Council*, report for the hearing)
- vii Appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1418 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
(Case T-721/17 *Topor-Gilka v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 424/56](#); Case T-722/17 *WO Technopromexport v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 424/57](#))

Syria

- i Appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/917 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/907 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
(Case T-559/17 *Abdulkarim v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 347/43](#))
- ii Appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/917 and its subsequent implementing acts.
(Case T-506/17 *Makhlouf v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 347/38](#))
- iii Appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP, Council Implementing Regulation 2016/840 implementing Regulation 36/2012, Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/917 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP, Council Implementing Regulation 2017/907 implementing Regulation 36/2012, Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1245 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP, and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1241 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
(Case T-477/17 *Haswani v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 347/34](#))
- iv The Court of Justice (i) set aside paragraph 2 of the operative part of the General Court's judgment of June 2, 2016, annulling Council Implementing Decision 2014/488/CFSP implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 793/2014 implementing Regulation 36/2012 in so far as they concern HR and (ii) declared that there is no longer a need to adjudicate on the request to modify the application submitted by HX.
(Case C-423/16 P *HX v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 9, 2017)

- v Appeal against Decision (CFSP) 2017/1245 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1241 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
(Case T-667/17 *Alkarim for Trade and Industry v. Council*, [OJ 2017 C 437/33](#))

Tunisia

- i The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2014/49 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/147 implementing Regulation 101/2011.
(Case T-149/15 *Ben Ali v. Council*, [judgment](#) of October 5, 2017)
- ii The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/157 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP.
(Case T-175/15 *Mabrouk v. Council*, [judgment](#) of October 5, 2017)

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Sanctions guidelines

The Council adopted updated sanctions guidelines.
([Council Press Release](#), December 18, 2017; [Draft consolidated sanctions guidelines](#), December 8, 2017)

Burundi

- i The Council renewed the EU restrictive measures against Burundi until October 31, 2018.
([Council Press Release](#), October 23, 2017)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1933 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763.
([OJ 2017 L 273/9](#))
- iii Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1933 and Council Regulation 2015/1755.
([OJ 2017 C 358/3](#))

Congo

- i The Council extended the sanctions against Congo for one year.
([Council Press Release](#), December 11, 2017)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2282 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 328/19](#))

- iii Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2282 and Council Regulation 1183/2005.
([OJ 2017 C 425/7](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to Congo apply.
([OJ 2017 C 425/8](#))

Guinea

- i The Council renewed the EU restrictive measures in view of the situation in Guinea until October 27, 2018.
([Council Press Release](#), October 23, 2017)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1934 amending Decision 2010/638/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 273/10](#))
- iii Notice for the attention of the persons to whom measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP, as amended by Decision (CFSP) 2017/1934, and in Council Regulation 1284/2009 apply.
([OJ 2017 C 358/4](#))

Iran

EU statement on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).
([Council Press Release](#), October 16, 2017)

Iraq

Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2217 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq.
([OJ 2017 L 318/23](#))

Libya

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1974 amending Council Regulation 2016/44.
([OJ 2017 L 281/27](#))
- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1976 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.
([OJ 2017 L 281/32](#))
- iii Notice for the attention of the ship-owner of the vessel CAPRICORN, which is designated by 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 of the UN Security Council in accordance with paragraph 11 of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2146 (2014).

[\(OJ 2017 C 370/8\)](#)

iv Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2006 amending Council Regulation 2016/44.

[\(OJ 2017 L 290/17\)](#)

v Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/2008 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

[\(OJ 2017 L 290/22\)](#)

vi Notice for the attention of the ship owner of the vessel LYNN S, which is designated by 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).

[\(OJ 2017 C 377/27\)](#)

vii The Council adopted a decision.

[\(Council Press Release, December 7, 2017\)](#)

viii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2260 amending Council Regulation 2016/44.

[\(OJ 2017 L 324/39\)](#)

ix Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/2265 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

[\(OJ 2017 L 324/53\)](#)

Moldova

i The Council extended the restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of Moldova until October 31, 2018.

[\(Council Press Release, October 23, 2017\)](#)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1935 amending Decision 2010/573/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2017 L 273/11\)](#)

Myanmar/Burma

i The Council adopted conclusions.

[\(Council Press Release, October 16, 2017\)](#)

ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution.

[\(EP Press Release, December 14, 2017; Resolution, December 14, 2017\)](#)

North Korea

i The Council further strengthened its restrictive measures against North Korea by transposing the sectoral sanctions imposed by UN Security Council resolution 2375 (2017).

[\(Council Press Release, October 10, 2017\)](#)

ii Council Regulation 2017/1836 amending Regulation 2017/1509.

[\(OJ 2017 L 261/1\)](#)

iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1838 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.

[\(OJ 2017 L 261/17\)](#)

iv The Council adopted new sanctions.

[\(Council Press Release, October 16, 2017\)](#)

v Council Regulation 2017/1858 amending Regulation 2017/1509.

[\(OJ 2017 L 265 I/1\)](#)

vi Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1859 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.

[\(OJ 2017 L 265 I/5\)](#)

vii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1860 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.

[\(OJ 2017 L 265 I/8\)](#)

viii Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1897 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.

[\(OJ 2017 L 269/1\)](#)

ix Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1909 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.

[\(OJ 2017 L 269/44\)](#)

x Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, as amended by Decision (CFSP) 2017/1860, and in Council Regulation 2017/1509, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1859.

[\(OJ 2017 C 346 I/1\)](#)

xi Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2017/1509 apply.

[\(OJ 2017 C 346 I/3\)](#)

xii The Council adopted a regulation reviewing the list of luxury goods subject to an import and export ban on North Korea.

[\(Council Press Release, November 13, 2017\)](#)

xiii Council Regulation 2017/2062 amending Regulation 2017/1509.

[\(OJ 2017 L 295/4\)](#)

Russia/Ukraine

- i The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the cases of Crimean Tatar leaders Akhtem Chiyoqoz, and Ilmi Umerov and the journalist Mykola Semena.
([Resolution](#), October 5, 2017)
- ii Study carried out at the request by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade summarizing empirical facts about the economic impact of EU sanctions against Russia and Russian countersanctions, both implemented in the summer of 2014.
([Study](#), October 2017)
- iii The Council added the "Governor of Sevastopol" to its sanctions list over actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of Ukraine.
([Council Press Release](#), November 21, 2017)
- iv Council Implementing Regulation 2017/2153 implementing Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2017 L 304/3](#))
- v Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2163 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 304/51](#))
- vi Notice for the attention of the person subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP, as amended by Decision (CFSP) 2017/2163, and in Council Regulation 269/2014 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2017/2153.
([OJ 2017 C 393/2](#))
- vii 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 2017/2153, apply.
([OJ 2017 C 393/3](#))
- viii The Council adopted a derogation to the economic sanctions on Russia, which was necessary so that the sanctions do not affect the European space industry.
([Council Press Release](#), November 30, 2017)
- ix Council Regulation 2017/2212 amending Regulation 833/2014.
([OJ 2017 L 316/15](#))
- x Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2214 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 316/20](#))
- xi The Council prolonged economic sanctions targeting specific sectors of the Russian economy until July 31, 2018.
([Council Press Release](#), December 21, 2017)
- xii Notice for the attention of a person subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Regulation 208/2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities, and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine.
([OJ 2017 C 438/25](#))
- xiii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2426 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilizing the situation in Ukraine.
([OJ 2017 L 343/77](#))
- xiv Notice for the attention of certain persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP and Council Regulation 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of Ukraine.
([OJ 2017 C 441/13](#))

Somalia

- i Council Regulation 2017/2415 amending Regulation 356/2010.
([OJ 2017 L 343/33](#))
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2427 amending Decision 2010/231/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 343/78](#))

Sudan

- i Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1942 implementing Article 15(3) of Regulation 747/2014.
([OJ 2017 L 276/1](#))
- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1948 implementing Decision 2014/450/CFSP.
([OJ 2017 L 276/60](#))

Tunisia

- i Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/72/CFSP and Council Regulation 101/2011.
([OJ 2017 C 421/7](#))

- ii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 101/2011 apply.
([OJ 2017 C 421/8](#))

Venezuela

- i The Council adopted conclusions on Venezuela and agreed on targeted sanctions in view of its concerns about the situation in the country.
([Council Press Release](#), November 13, 2017)
- ii Council Regulation 2017/2063 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela.
([OJ 2017 L 295/21](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela.
([OJ 2017 L 295/60](#))

Yemen

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in Yemen.
([Resolution](#), November 30, 2017)

4. Other Measures

Trilateral cooperation to eliminate unfair market distorting and protectionist practices by third countries

The EU, US, and Japan decided to strengthen their commitment to ensure a global level playing field and fight against unfair trading practices by other global players.
([Commission Daily News](#), December 13, 2017; [Joint statement](#), December 2017)

Digital trade strategy

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on ‘towards a digital trade strategy’.
([EP Press Release](#), December 12, 2017; [Resolution](#), December 12, 2017)

Trade in goods

Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee set up by the Convention of May 20, 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods as regard the proposals for amendments to that Convention.
([COM 2017/593](#), October 13, 2017; [Annex 1](#), October 13, 2017)

Trade in goods used for capital punishment and torture

- i The Commission adopted a delegated regulation amending Annex IIIb to Council Regulation 1236/2005 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture, or other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.
([Draft act](#), October 18, 2017)
- ii The Council decided not to object to a delegated act submitted by the Commission amending the list of countries benefiting from the Union general export authorization to include the Dominican Republic, Sao Tome and Principe, and Togo.
([Council Press Release](#), December 11, 2017)

Export credits

The Council decided not to object to a Commission regulation amending Regulation 1233/2011 on the application of guidelines for officially supported export credits.
([Council Press Release](#), November 20, 2017; [Text](#) of regulation, September 27, 2017)

Dual-use items

- i The European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade voted in favor of new rules on the Union regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance, and transit of dual-use items.
([EP Press Release](#), November 23, 2017)
- ii Commission report on the implementation of Regulation 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, and transit of dual-use items.
([COM 2017/679](#), November 21, 2017)
- iii Commission Delegated Regulation 2017/2268 amending Council Regulation 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, and transit of dual-use items.
([OJ 2017 L 334/1](#))
- iv Report by the European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade on the proposed regulation setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance, and transit of dual-use items.
([Report](#), December 19, 2017)

Firearms

i List of the national competent authorities according to Article 21 of Regulation 258/2012.

([OJ 2017 C 356/5](#))

ii Commission report in accordance with Article 21(3) of Regulation 258/2012 implementing Article 10 of the United Nations' Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UN Firearms Protocol), and establishing export authorization, and import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition.

([COM 2017/737](#), December 12, 2017)

Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)

Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2283 in support of a global reporting mechanism on illicit SALW and other illicit conventional weapons and ammunition to reduce the risk of their illicit trade.

([OJ 2017 L 328/20](#))

Defense-related products

Commission Directive 2017/2054 amending Directive 2009/43 as regards the list of defense-related products.

([OJ 2017 L 311/1](#))

III. EC Customs Policy

EU COURTS**Customs union**

i External transit - Road freight transport operation carried out under cover of a TIR carnet - Jurisdiction of the Court to interpret Articles 8 and 11 of the TIR Convention - TIR operation not discharged - Liability of the guaranteeing association - 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 - Explanatory notes annexed to the TIR Convention - Regulation 2454/93 - Customs Code - 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*, [judgment](#) of November 22, 2017)

ii The General Court annulled Article 1(4) of the Commission's decision of January 20, 2016, finding that post-clearance entry in the accounts of import duties is justified and that remission of those duties is justified with regard to a debtor and is in part justified in the particular case of another debtor but in another part not justified with regard to that particular debtor, and modifying the Commission's decision of May 6, 2010.

(Case T-125/16 *Léon Van Parys v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of December 11, 2017)

iii Principle of protection of the rights of the defense - Right to be heard - Regulation 2913/92 - Community Customs Code - Recovery of a customs debt - Lack of prior hearing of the addressee before the adoption of an amended tax assessment - Right of the addressee to obtain suspension of the implementation of the amended tax assessment - Lack of automatic suspension in the event of the bringing of administrative proceedings - Reference to the conditions provided for in Article 244 of the Customs Code.

(Case C-276/16 *Prequ' Italia*, [judgment](#) of December 20, 2017)

iv Common Customs Tariff - Customs Code - Determination of the customs value - Cross-border transactions between related companies - Advance transfer pricing arrangement - Agreed transfer price composed of an amount initially invoiced and a flat-rate adjustment made after the end of the accounting period.

(Case C-529/16 *Hamamatsu Photonics Deutschland*, [judgment](#) of December 20, 2017)

Customs duties on vehicles

The Court of Justice held that Article 145(2) of Commission Regulation 2454/93 applies, and that the buyer can claim a reimbursement of customs duties for repair costs incurred.

(Case C-661/15 *X*, [judgment](#) of October 12, 2017)

Customs Code

i Non-Community goods - External Community customs transit procedure - Unlawful removal from customs supervision of goods liable to import duties - Determination of the customs value - Conditions for the application of the transaction value method -

- Choice of the method for determining the customs value - Obligation imposed upon the customs authorities to state reasons for the chosen method. (Case C-46/16 *LS Customs Services*, [judgment](#) of November 9, 2017)
- ii Customs union and Common Customs Tariff - Regulation 2913/92 - Regulation 2777/75 - Regulation 1484/95 - Additional import duties - Artificial arrangement intended to avoid the additional duties due - Customs declaration based on false information - Persons capable of being held liable for the customs debt - Limitation period. (Case C-522/16 A, [judgment](#) of October 19, 2017)
- iii Post-clearance recovery of import or export duties - Definition of ‘entry in the accounts of the import duties’ - Decision of the competent customs authority - Time limit for submitting an application for repayment or remission - Obligation to transmit the case to the Commission - Evidence in the event of an appeal against a decision of the competent authority of the importing Member State. (Case C-407/16 *Aqua Pro*, [judgment](#) of October 26, 2017)
- iv Appeal against the Commission’s conclusion, in a document of June 15, 2017, that the essential interests of Union producers would not be adversely affected by an authorization for inward processing of certain grain-oriented electrical steel (GOES) products. (Case T-577/17 *thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel and thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel Ugo v. Commission*, [OJ 2017 C 347/46](#))
- v Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the interpretation of Article 24(1) of Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/2447 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code. (Case C-496/17 *Deutsche Post*, reference for a preliminary ruling, [OJ 2017 C 347/19](#))
- vi Appeal against the General Court’s judgment of July 19, 2017, by which the Court annulled the Commission’s decision of July 16, 2014, rejecting Combaro’s request for remission of import duties. (Case C-574/17 P *Commission v. Combaro*, [OJ 2017 C 382/35](#))

Combined Nomenclature

- i Regulation 2658/87 - Customs Union - Common Customs Tariff - Tariff classification - Tariff headings - Subheading 6212 20 00 - Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature - Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System. (Case C-556/16 *Lutz*, [judgment](#) of October 19, 2017)
- ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from an Italian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the interpretation of CN heading 8704 of the Combined Nomenclature, in particular concerning the classification of hearses. (Case C-445/17 *Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli v. Pilato*, reference for a preliminary ruling, [OJ 2017 C 347/11](#))
- iii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Danish court seeking guidance on the interpretation of certain subheadings of the Combined Nomenclature in the Common Customs Tariff, as set out in Annex 1 to Commission Regulation 1549/2006. (Case C-555/17 *2M-Locatel*, reference for a preliminary ruling, [OJ 2017 C 402/16](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Customs Decision System (CDS)

The Commission set up a new pan-EU electronic system to make it easier for businesses to get permission to import goods. ([Commission Daily News](#), October 2, 2017)

Information technology systems

The Council adopted conclusions on the way forward to developing customs IT systems. ([Council Press Release](#), November 7, 2017)

Customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the amended proposal for a regulation on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US. ([Resolution](#), December 12, 2017)

Common transit procedure

- i Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee set up by the Convention of May 20,

1987 on a common transit procedure as regards the proposals for amendments to that Convention.

([COM 2017/609](#), October 20, 2017; [Annex 1](#), October 20, 2017)

- ii Council decisions on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committees set up by the 1987 Conventions on (i) a common transit procedure and (ii) the simplification of formalities in trade in goods as regards the proposals for amendments to those Conventions.

(i) [Text](#) of decision, November 23, 2017; (ii) [Text](#) of decision, November 23, 2017)

Customs Code

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2089 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.

([OJ 2017 L 297/13](#))

- ii Commission roadmap with respect to an amendment to the Union Customs Code.

([Roadmap](#), November 28, 2017)

- iii Commission implementing regulation amending the Implementing Regulation 2015/2447 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code, regarding procedural rules to facilitate the establishment in the Union of the preferential origin of goods.

([Draft act](#), December 13, 2017)

Combined Nomenclature

- i The Commission adopted a delegated regulation amending Regulation 2015/936 as regards updating the Combined Nomenclature codes listed in Annex I to that regulation.

([Draft act](#), November 29, 2017; [Annex](#), November 29, 2017)

- ii Commission Implementing Regulations 2017/1971, 2017/1983, and 2017/2244 to 2017/2248 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2017 L 281/11](#); [OJ 2017 L 287/1](#); [OJ 2017 L 324/3](#); [OJ 2017 L 324/6](#); [OJ 2017 L 324/8](#); [OJ 2017 L 324/11](#); [OJ 2017 L 324/14](#))

- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1977 repealing Implementing Regulation 876/2014

concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2017 L 285/1](#))

- iv Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2157 amending Implementing Regulation 211/2012 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2017 L 304/21](#))

- v Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/2243 on repealing Implementing Regulation 1212/2014 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2017 L 324/1](#))

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

([OJ 2017 C 370/2](#); [OJ 2017 C 370/3](#))

Tariffs and quotas on certain products

- i Proposed Council regulation amending Regulation 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products.

([COM 2017/733](#), December 4, 2017; [Annexes](#), December 4, 2017)

- ii The Council adopted a regulation amending Regulation 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the EU for certain agricultural and industrial products.

([Council Press Release](#), December 18, 2017; [Text](#) of regulation, December 12, 2017)

Common Customs Tariff

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1925 amending Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff.

([OJ 2017 L 282/1](#))

- ii Proposed Council regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain goods of a kind to be incorporated in or used for aircraft, and repealing Regulation 1147/2002.

([COM 2017/731](#), December 4, 2017)

- iii Proposed Council regulation amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products.

([COM 2017/746](#), December 11, 2017; [Annexes](#) 1–2, December 11, 2017)

- iv Council regulation amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products.

([Text](#) of regulation, December 20, 2017)

IV. EU External Relations

Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)

The Commission published its report assessing the implementation of its existing free trade agreements.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/4486, November 9, 2017; [COM 2017/654](#), November 9, 2017)

A. Enlargement

European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI) and Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

The Commission started a consultation on the thematic evaluation of IPA and INA support to Public Administration Reform (PAR).

([Consultation page](#); [Questionnaire](#))

Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Council adopted conclusions.

([Council Press Release](#), October 16, 2017)

Serbia

- i The Council established the EU position ahead of the fourth meeting of the Stabilization and Association Council between the EU and Serbia.

([Council Press Release](#), November 13, 2017)

- ii Negotiations on Chapter 6 - Company law and Chapter 30 - External relations have been opened.

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

Montenegro

Negotiations on Chapter 2 - Freedom of movement for workers and Chapter 3 - Right of establishment and freedom to provide services have been opened.

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

Turkey

The Council established the EU's position for the EU/Turkey Association Council as regards the amendment of Protocol 2 to Decision 1/98 of the EC/Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products.

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

B. Multi- or Plurilateral

AMERICAS

EU/Central America

Commission Implementing Decision 2017/1791 determining that a temporary suspension of the preferential customs duty pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation 20/2013 is not appropriate for imports of bananas originating in Guatemala.

([OJ 2017 L 257/1](#))

EU/Mercosur

- i The Commission published (i) the report from the latest round of trade negotiations between the EU and Mercosur and (ii) its negotiating proposal on the enforcement of the trade and sustainable development chapter.

([Commission Daily News](#), October 23, 2017; (i)

[Report](#), October 2017; (ii) [EU textual proposal](#), September 2017)

- ii The EU completed the latest round of trade negotiations with Mercosur.

([Commission Press Release](#), November 13, 2017)

- iii The Commission published a report summarizing the progress made during the latest round of talks for the EU/Mercosur trade agreement.

([Commission Daily News](#), November 28, 2017; [Report](#), November 27, 2017)

- iv The Commission published a series of reports summarizing the progress made during the negotiation rounds for a trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur.

([Commission page](#))

EU/Colombia and Peru

- i Annual Commission report on the implementation of the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru.

([COM 2017/585](#), October 10, 2017)

- ii Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the Trade Committee regarding the amendment of Annex XII of the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru, setting out the list of Colombian procuring entities in accordance with the provisions of Title VI ('Government Procurement').

([COM 2017/584](#), October 9, 2017; [Annex](#) 1, October 9, 2017)

iii Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Trade Committee regarding the amendment of Annex XII of the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru, setting out the list of Colombian procuring entities in accordance with the provisions of Title VI ('Government Procurement').

([Text](#) of decision, November 7, 2017)

iv The Council adopted a decision on the position to be adopted by the EU as regards the clarification of the coverage of government procurement entities at sub-central level in Colombia in the existing trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru.

([Council Press Release](#), November 10, 2017)

v Council Decision 2017/2105 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Trade Committee regarding the amendment of Annex XII of the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru, setting out the list of Colombian procuring entities in accordance with the provisions of Title VI ('Government Procurement').

([OJ 2017 L 303/6](#))

ASIA

EU/Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

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

([Resolution](#), October 3, 2017)

EUROPE

Eastern Partnership

i The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs voted in favor of a resolution on recommendations for the Eastern Partnership.

([EP Press Release](#), October 10, 2017)

ii The European Parliament proposes new ways to intensify EU relations with Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova ahead of the Eastern Partnership Summit.

([EP Press Release](#), November 7, 2017)

iii The European Parliament adopted a recommendation on the Eastern Partnership, in the run-up to the November 2017 Summit.

([EP Press Release](#), November 15, 2017; [Recommendation](#), November 15, 2017)

C. Bilateral

AFRICA

EU/Egypt

i Council Decision 2017/1779 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Egypt, with regard to the adoption of a recommendation on the EU/Egypt partnership priorities.

([OJ 2017 L 253/34](#))

ii Recommendation 1/2017 of the EU/Egypt Association Council agreeing on the EU/Egypt partnership priorities.

([OJ 2017 L 255/26](#))

AMERICAS

EU/Mexico

i The EU and Mexico concluded the fifth round of trade negotiations.

([Commission Press Release](#), October 2, 2017)

ii As part of its commitment to a more transparent trade policy, the Commission published a report summarizing the progress made during the latest negotiating round for the EU/Mexico trade agreement held at the end of September in Brussels, as well as three text proposals submitted to Mexico ahead of the latest round.

([Commission Daily News](#), October 16, 2017; [Report](#), October 2017; [Textual proposal](#), September 2017; [Textual proposal](#), October 2017; [Annex](#), October 2017)

iii The EU and Mexico concluded the sixth round of trade negotiations.

([Commission Press Release](#), December 4, 2017)

iv The EU and Mexico completed the seventh round of trade negotiations.

([Commission Press Release](#), December 21, 2017)

EU/Chile

i The Council adopted a decision on the conclusion of the EU/Chile agreement on trade in organic products.

([Council Press Release](#), October 9, 2017)

ii The Council approved a mandate to negotiate the modernization of the existing association agreement with Chile.

([Council Press Release](#), November 13, 2017; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/4606, November 13, 2017; [Text](#) of decision, November 10, 2017; [Text](#) of decision, November 10, 2017)

- iii The EU and Chile started negotiations for a modernized EU/Chile association agreement. ([Commission Press Release](#), November 16, 2017)
- iv The Commission started a consultation on the modernization of the trade pillar of the EU/Chile association agreement. ([Consultation page](#))

EU/Canada

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1781 on the derogations from the product-specific rules of origin laid down in the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the EU and Canada, that apply within the limits of annual quotas for certain products from Canada. ([OJ 2017 L 255/1](#))
- ii Publication of a request for an opinion submitted by Belgium pursuant to Article 218(11) TFEU with respect to the Chapter Eight (Investments), Section F (Resolution of investment disputes between investors and states) of the EU/Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). ([OJ 2017 C 369/2](#))
- iii Joint proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted, on the Union's behalf, in the Joint Ministerial Committee and Joint Cooperation Committee established by the EU/Canada strategic partnership agreement, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Ministerial Committee, the Terms of Reference of the Joint Cooperation Committee, and the Terms of Reference of the subcommittees established by the Joint Cooperation Committee. ([JOIN 2017/40](#), October 31, 2017; [Annexes](#) 1–3, October 31, 2017)
- iv The Council adopted a decision authorizing the EU to adopt the rules of procedure of the Joint Cooperation Committee established by the EU/Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement, as well as the terms of Reference of the Joint Cooperation Committee and sub-committees. ([Council Press Release](#), November 30, 2017)
- v Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union in the Joint Ministerial

Committee and the Joint Cooperation Committee established by the EU/Canada strategic partnership agreement, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Ministerial Committee and the Terms of Reference of the Joint Cooperation Committee and sub-committees.

- ([Text](#) of decision, November 28, 2017)
- vi Council Decision 2017/2261 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, in the Joint Ministerial Committee and the Joint Cooperation Committee established by the EU/Canada strategic partnership agreement, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Ministerial Committee and the Terms of Reference of the Joint Cooperation Committee and sub-committees. ([OJ 2017 L 324/41](#))

EU/Cuba

- i Notice on the provisional application of the EU/Cuba political dialogue and cooperation agreement. ([OJ 2017 L 259/1](#))
- ii Joint proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted on the Union's behalf in the Joint Council established by the EU/Cuba political dialogue and cooperation agreement, as regards the adoption of decisions on the rules of procedure of the Joint Council and those of the Joint Committee. ([JOIN 2017/43](#), November 13, 2017; [Annex](#), November 13, 2017)
- iii Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Joint Council established by the EU/Cuba political dialogue and cooperation agreement, as regards the adoption of a decision of the Joint Council on the rules of procedure of the Joint Council and those of the Joint Committee. ([Text](#) of decision, December 1, 2017)
- iv The Council adopted the EU position regarding the rules of procedure of the Joint Council and those of the Joint Committee for the EU/Cuba Joint Council. ([Council Press Release](#), December 18, 2017)
- v Council Decision 2017/2434 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Joint Council established by the EU/Cuba political dialogue and cooperation agreement, as regards the adoption of a decision of the Joint Council on the

rules of procedure of the Joint Council and those of the Joint Committee.

([OJ 2017 L 344/26](#))

EU/Peru

Commission Implementing Decision 2017/2277 determining that a temporary suspension of the preferential customs duty pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation 19/2013 is not appropriate for imports of bananas originating in Peru.

([OJ 2017 L 326/53](#))

ASIA

EU/Japan

The EU and Japan successfully concluded the final discussions on the EU/Japan economic partnership agreement.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/5142, December 8, 2017; [Joint statement](#), December 8, 2017)

EU/China

The Commission published the report of the sixteenth round of negotiations for a EU/China investment agreement.

([Report](#), December 2017)

EU/Thailand

The Council adopted conclusions reaffirming the importance the EU attaches to its relations with Thailand.

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

EU/Kyrgyz Republic

The Council adopted a mandate for the Commission and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to negotiate, on behalf of the EU and its Member States, a comprehensive agreement with the Kyrgyz Republic.

([Council Press Release](#), October 9, 2017)

EU/Mongolia

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

([Council Press Release](#), October 9, 2017)

ii Council Decision 2017/2270 on the conclusion of the framework agreement on partnership and cooperation between the EU and Mongolia.

([OJ 2017 L 326/5](#); Framework agreement: [OJ 2017 L 326/7](#))

EU/Korea

Annual Commission report on the implementation of the EU/Korea free trade agreement.

([COM 2017/614](#), October 20, 2017; [Commission staff working document](#), October 20, 2017)

EU/Kazakhstan

i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the EU/Kazakhstan enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement.

([Report](#), October 26, 2017)

ii The European Parliament adopted two resolutions on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the EU/Kazakhstan enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement.

([Resolution](#), December 12, 2017; [Resolution](#), December 12, 2017)

EU/Philippines

i Council Decision 2017/2414 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and the Philippines.

([OJ 2017 L 343/1](#))

ii Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and the Philippines.

([OJ 2017 L 343/3](#))

EU/Uzbekistan

Commission roadmap regarding the request for a mandate for a comprehensive agreement with Uzbekistan.

([Roadmap](#), December 22, 2017)

EU/Afghanistan

i Notice concerning the provisional application of the EU/Afghanistan cooperation agreement on partnership and development.

([OJ 2017 L 273/1](#))

ii The Council agreed on the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee established by the cooperation agreement on partnership and development between the EU and Afghanistan.

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

- iii Council Decision 2017/2431 on the position to be taken, on behalf of the EU, within the Joint Committee established by the cooperation agreement on partnership and development between the EU and Afghanistan, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Committee and the setting-up of two special working groups.
([OJ 2017 L 344/11](#))

EUROPE

EU/Albania

The Council established the EU position ahead of the ninth meeting of the Stabilization and Association Council between the EU and Albania.

([Council Press Release](#), November 13, 2017)

EU/Moldova

- i Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the Association Committee meeting in Trade Configuration established by the EU/Moldova association agreement concerning the comprehensive roadmap submitted by Moldova in relation to the implementation of the agreement in the area of public procurement.
([COM 2017/564](#), October 4, 2017)
- ii Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the Association Committee meeting in Trade Configuration established by the EU/Moldova association agreement, concerning the comprehensive roadmap submitted by Moldova in relation to the implementation of the agreement in the area of public procurement.
([Text](#) of decision, December 5, 2017)
- iii Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU, in the Association Committee meeting in Trade configuration established by the EU/Moldova association agreement, concerning the update of Annex XXVIII-A (Rules applicable to financial services), Annex XXVIII-B (Rules applicable to telecommunication services), and Annex XXVIII-D (Rules applicable to international maritime transport) to the agreement.
([COM 2017/754](#), December 13, 2017; [Annex](#), December 13, 2017)
- iv The Council agreed to give a favorable opinion on the comprehensive roadmap on public procurement

submitted by Moldova, in view of the document becoming the reference for the implementation of the association agreement in the area of public procurement.

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

- v Council Decision 2017/2425 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the Association Committee meeting in Trade Configuration established by the EU/Moldova association agreement, concerning the comprehensive roadmap submitted by Moldova in relation to the implementation of the agreement in the area of public procurement.
([OJ 2017 L 343/73](#))

EU/Georgia

- i Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the EU/Georgia association agreement, as regards the replacement of Protocol I to that agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol that refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.
([COM 2017/574](#), October 5, 2017; [Annex 1](#), October 5, 2017)
- ii The Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) published the second joint association implementation report on Georgia.
([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/4462, November 10, 2017; [Joint staff working document](#), November 9, 2017)
- iii Draft Recommendation 1/2017 of the EU/Georgia Association Council on the EU/Georgia Association Agenda.
([Text](#) of recommendation, November 15, 2017)
- iv Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the EU/Georgia association agreement, as regards the replacement of Protocol I to that agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol that refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.
([Text](#) of decision, November 22, 2017)

- v The Council adopted the EU position, a provisional agenda, and an orientation note on key messages for the Association Council for the upcoming fourth meeting of the EU/Georgia Association Council. ([Council Press Release](#), December 5, 2017)
- vi The Council agreed to replace the protocol to the EU/Georgia association agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation. ([Council Press Release](#), December 18, 2017)
- vii Council Decision 2017/2422 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Council established by the EU/Georgia Association Agreement with regard to the adoption of the EU/Georgia Association Agenda. ([OJ 2017 L 343/64](#))
- viii Council Decision 2017/2433 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the EU/Georgia association agreement, as regards the replacement of Protocol I to that agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol that refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin. ([OJ 2017 L 344/21](#))
- ix Recommendation 1/2017 of the EU/Georgia Association Council on the EU/Georgia association agenda. ([OJ 2017 L 344/65](#))

EU/Armenia

- i Draft recommendation 1/2017 of the EU/Armenia Cooperation Council on the EU/Armenia partnership priorities. ([Text](#) of draft recommendation, September 29, 2017)
- ii Council Decision 2017/1790 on the position to be taken, on behalf of the EU, within the Cooperation Council established by the partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and Armenia, with regard to the adoption of the EU/Armenia partnership priorities. ([OJ 2017 L 256/9](#))
- iii Council decisions concerning (i) the conclusion and (ii) the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the EU/Armenia

comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement.

- ([Text](#) of agreement, October 24, 2017; (i) [Text](#) of decision, October 24, 2017; [Text](#) of decision, October 24, 2017; (ii) [Text](#) of decision, October 24, 2017)
- iv The Council adopted a decision authorizing the signing and provisional application of the EU/Armenia comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement. ([Council Press Release](#), November 21, 2017)

EU/Azerbaijan

The Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) published a joint report on EU/Azerbaijan relations in the framework of the revised European Neighborhood Policy (ENP). ([Report](#), December 19, 2017)

EU/Ukraine

- i Regulation 2017/1566 on the introduction of temporary autonomous trade measures for Ukraine supplementing the trade concessions available under the association agreement. ([OJ 2017 L 254/1](#))
- ii The Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) published the joint association implementation report on Ukraine. ([Commission Press Release](#) IP/17/4645, November 15, 2017; [Joint staff working document](#), November 14, 2017)
- iii Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Association Council established by the EU/Ukraine association agreement, as regards supplementing Annex I-A, and in the Association Committee in Trade configuration, on recalculating the schedule of export duty elimination set out in Annexes I-C and I-D to the association agreement. ([COM 2017/663](#), November 16, 2017; [Annex](#), November 16, 2017)
- iv The Council adopted the EU position for the fourth meeting of the EU/Ukraine Association Council. ([Council Press Release](#), December 7, 2017)

OCEANIA

EU/Australia

- i The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade gave their recommendation for

the proposed negotiating mandate of the EU/Australia trade talks.

([EP Press Release](#), October 12, 2017)

- ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution.
([EP Press Release](#), October 26, 2017; [Resolution](#), October 26, 2017)
- iii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade with regard to the recommendation to the Council on the proposed negotiating mandate for trade negotiations with Australia.
([Report](#), October 19, 2017)

EU/New Zealand

- i The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade gave their recommendation for the proposed negotiating mandate of the EU/New Zealand trade talks.
([EP Press Release](#), October 12, 2017)
- ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution.
([EP Press Release](#), October 26, 2017; [Resolution](#), October 26, 2017)
- iii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade with regard to the

recommendation to the Council on the proposed negotiating mandate for trade negotiations with New Zealand.

([Report](#), October 19, 2017)

- iv The European Parliament adopted two resolutions on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the EU/New Zealand partnership agreement on relations and cooperation.
([Resolution](#), November 16, 2017; [Resolution](#), November 16, 2017)
- v Joint proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the Joint Committee established by the partnership agreement on relations and cooperation between the EU and New Zealand, as regards the adoption of decisions on the Rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of the subcommittees and working groups.
([JOIN 2017/44](#), December 6, 2017; [Annex](#), December 6, 2017)

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