

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 first quarter of 2018.

I. WTO

1. Dispute Settlement

EU/China - Poultry case

i The Commission published the feedback received for its roadmap on the implementation of the WTO panel ruling in the EU/China poultry case.

[\(Feedback page\)](#)

ii The Council adopted a decision authorizing the opening of negotiations with China on a mutually agreed solution in connection with the WTO dispute regarding measures affecting tariff concessions on certain poultry meat products.

[\(Council Press Release\)](#), March 12, 2018)

Canada files WTO complaint over US trade remedy measures

Canada has requested WTO consultations with the United States concerning certain laws, regulations, and other measures maintained by the US with respect to anti-dumping and countervailing duty proceedings. The request was circulated to WTO members on January 10, 2018.

[\(WTO Press Release\)](#), January 10, 2018)

Vietnam files WTO complaint over US anti-dumping duties on fish

Vietnam has requested WTO consultations with the United States concerning certain US anti-dumping laws, regulations, administrative procedures, practices, and methodologies, as well as certain anti-dumping determinations in administrative reviews on fish fillets from Viet Nam. The request was circulated to WTO members on January 12, 2018.

[\(WTO Press Release\)](#), January 12, 2018)

Australia initiates WTO complaint targeting Canadian restrictions on sale of wine

Australia has requested WTO consultations with Canada regarding measures maintained by the Canadian

government and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia concerning the sale of wine. The request was circulated to WTO members on January 16, 2018.

[\(WTO Press Release\)](#), January 16, 2018)

UAE initiates WTO complaint against Pakistan over film duties

The United Arab Emirates (“UAE”) has requested WTO consultations with Pakistan concerning certain anti-dumping measures on imports of biaxially oriented polypropylene (“BOPP”) film from the UAE. The request was circulated to WTO members on January 29, 2018.

[\(WTO Press Release\)](#), January 29, 2018)

Russia initiates WTO compliance proceedings over pig products import restrictions

The Russian Federation has requested WTO consultations with the European Union to address Russia’s claim that it has complied with a WTO ruling regarding its import restrictions on live pigs, pork, and other pig products from the European Union.

[\(WTO Press Release\)](#), January 30, 2018)

EU requests WTO consultations with Russia on compliance with pig products ruling

The European Union has requested WTO consultations with the Russian Federation to discuss Russian measures affecting imports of live pigs and pork products from the EU.

[\(WTO Press Release\)](#), February 7, 2018)

Korea initiates WTO complaint against US anti-dumping, countervailing duties

Korea has requested WTO consultations with the United States concerning the use of “facts available” by US investigating authorities in anti-dumping and countervailing investigations. The request was circulated to WTO members on February 20, 2018.

[\(WTO Press Release\)](#), February 20, 2018)

Philippines files revised request for additional compliance review in Thai cigarettes dispute

The Philippines has submitted a revised request for WTO dispute consultations with Thailand to address Thailand’s compliance with an earlier WTO ruling



concerning measures imposed by Thailand on imported cigarettes from the Philippines.

([WTO Press Release](#), February 26, 2018)

Vietnam initiates WTO complaint against United States over seafood import measures

Vietnam has requested WTO consultations with the United States regarding US measures relating to the inspection, marketing, and labelling of Pangasius fish from Vietnam.

([WTO Press Release](#), February 27, 2018)

Chile Launches Safeguard investigation on powdered milk and Gouda cheese

On March 8, 2018, Chile notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that on March 8, 2018 it initiated a safeguard investigation on powdered milk and Gouda cheese.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 8, 2018)

United States initiates WTO complaint against India over export subsidy programs

The United States has requested WTO consultations with India concerning alleged export subsidies provided by India through five programs. The request was circulated to WTO members on March 19, 2018.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 19, 2018)

Costa Rica launches safeguard investigation on bars of steel for the reinforcement of concrete

On March 26, 2018, Costa Rica notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that on March 19, 2018 it publicized an initiation of a safeguard investigation on imports of bars of steel for the reinforcement of concrete.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 26, 2018)

United States files WTO complaint on China's protection of intellectual property rights

The United States has requested WTO consultations with China concerning certain Chinese measures that the US alleges are inconsistent with China's obligations under the WTO's Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights ("TRIPs"). The request was circulated to WTO members on March 26, 2018.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 26, 2018)

The European Union launches safeguard investigation on certain steel products

On March 27, 2018, the European Union notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that on March 26,

2018 it initiated a safeguard investigation on certain steel products.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 27, 2018)

PANELS ESTABLISHED

WTO members consider India's request for compliance panel in dispute over solar cells

On February 9, 2018, at a special meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB"), WTO members considered India's request for a panel to be established to examine India's compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in a dispute over India's domestic content requirements for solar cells and solar modules. The United States did not agree to the establishment of the compliance panel.

([WTO Press Release](#), February 9, 2018)

Panel established to determine India's compliance with solar power ruling

At its meeting on February 28, 2018, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") agreed to establish a panel to determine whether India has complied with a previous ruling regarding its domestic content requirements for solar cells and solar modules.

([WTO Press Release](#), February 28, 2018)

Panel established to review Thailand's compliance with WTO ruling on cigarette taxes, duties

At its meeting on March 27, 2018, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") agreed to establish a second panel to determine whether Thailand has complied with a previous WTO ruling regarding Thai customs and fiscal measures on cigarettes from the Philippines.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 27, 2018)

PANEL REPORTS ISSUED

WTO compliance panel issues ruling regarding Chinese duties on US chicken

On January 18, 2018, a WTO panel issued its compliance report in the dispute "China - Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Measures on Broiler Products from the United States - Recourse to Article 21.5 Of The DSU by the United States" (DS427).

([WTO Press Release](#), January 18, 2018)

WTO issues panel report regarding EU duties on biodiesel from Indonesia

On January 25, 2018, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Indonesia in “European Union - Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Indonesia” (DS480).

([WTO Press Release](#), January 25, 2018)

WTO issues panel report regarding Korean restrictions on Japanese food imports

On February 22, 2018, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Japan in “Korea - Import Bans, and Testing and Certification Requirements for Radionuclides” (DS495).

([WTO Press Release](#), February 22, 2018)

WTO issues compliance panel report regarding US countervailing duties on Chinese imports

On March 21, 2018, a WTO panel issued its compliance report in the dispute “United States - Countervailing Duty Measures on Certain Products from China - Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by China” (DS437).

([WTO Press Release](#), March 21, 2018)

Appellate Body issues report regarding Russian duties on vehicle imports from Germany, Italy

On March 22, 2018, the WTO Appellate Body issued its report in the case “Russia - Anti-Dumping Duties on Light Commercial Vehicles from Germany and Italy” (DS479).

([WTO Press Release](#), March 22, 2018; [Commission Press Release](#), March 22, 2018)

ARBITRATION**EU request for retaliation against Russia in pig products dispute referred to arbitration**

At a special meeting of the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (“DSB”) on January 3, 2018, a European Union request for authorization to suspend concessions or other obligations with respect to the Russian Federation in a dispute over import restrictions on pig products was referred to arbitration.

([WTO Press Release](#), January 3, 2018)

US request for retaliation against India in solar dispute referred to arbitration

At a special meeting of the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (“DSB”) on January 12, 2018, a request from the United States for authorization to suspend concessions

or other obligations with respect to India in a dispute relating to domestic content requirements for solar cells and solar modules was referred to arbitration.

([WTO Press Release](#), January 12, 2018)

WTO Arbitrator determines “reasonable period of time” in US-China anti-dumping dispute

On January 19, 2018, an Arbitrator issued his award regarding the “reasonable period of time” for implementing the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body (“DSB”) in the dispute “United States – Certain Methodologies and Their Application to Anti-Dumping Proceedings Involving China” (WT/DS471).

([WTO Press Release](#), January 19, 2018)

Korean request for retaliation against US in washers dispute referred to arbitration

A Korean request for retaliation against the United States in a dispute over US anti-dumping and countervailing duties on large residential washers from Korea was referred to WTO arbitration.

([WTO Press Release](#), January 22, 2018)

2. Other Developments**TRADE POLICY REVIEWS****The Gambia**

([WTO Press Release](#), January 23 & 25, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), November 21, 2017)

Malaysia

([WTO Press Release](#), February 14 & 16, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), December 20, 2017)

Egypt

([WTO Press Release](#), February 20 & 22, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), January 16, 2018)

Philippines

([WTO Press Release](#), March 26 & 28, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), February 5, 2018)

WTO ACCESSIONS

Bosnia and Herzegovina's WTO accession negotiations advance towards conclusion

At the 13th meeting of the Working Party on the Accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina held on February 7, 2018, WTO members supported the swift conclusion of the negotiations and welcomed the strong commitment and desire by Sarajevo to finalize this process in the coming months.

([WTO Press Release](#), February 7, 2018)

II. EU Commercial Policy

1. Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy

EU COURTS

Solar glass originating in China

The Court of Justice (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, and (ii) referred the case back to the General Court. (Case C-301/16 P *Commission v. Xinyi PV Products (Anhui) Holdings*, [judgment](#) of February 28, 2018)

Certain footwear with uppers of leather

i The Court of Justice held that consideration of the question referred did not reveal any factor 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*, [judgment](#) of March 15, 2018)

ii Appeal against 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.

(Case T-24/18 *adidas International Trading and Others v. Commission*, [OJ 2018 C 94/32](#))

Tartaric acid originating in China

The General Court dismissed 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*, [judgment](#) of March 15, 2018)

Certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China and Malaysia

The General Court dismissed the action for damages brought by Šroubárna Ždánice against the Commission for imposing an anti-dumping duty on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China, later extended to imports from Malaysia, due to the Court's lack of competence to deal with it.

(Case T-442/16 *Šroubárna Ždánice v. Council*, [judgment](#) of March 20, 2018, available in French)

Cotton-type bed linen originating in Pakistan

Opinion by the Advocate General Sharpston advising the Court of Justice to dismiss the first ground of the appeal against the General Court's judgment of December 15, 2016, by which the Court dismissed the appeal against Council Regulation 397/2004 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case C-100/17 P *Gul Ahmed Textile Mills v. Council*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of March 22, 2018)

Ferro-silicon originating in Russia

Hearing in the appeal against the Commission implementing decisions of December 18, 2014, concerning applications for refund of anti-dumping duties paid on imports of ferro-silicon originating in Russia.

(Case T-113/15 *RFA International v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

Certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel, originating in China

Hearing in the appeal against the Commission's decision removing Hubei Xinyegang Steel Co. from the list of companies listed under TARIC Additional Code

A950 and instead listing it under a new TARIC Additional Code C129 for all the TARIC Codes mentioned in Article 1(1) of Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/2272 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council Regulation 1225/2009.

(Case T-364/16 *ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Ostrava v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

Certain stainless steel tube and pipe butt-welding fittings, whether or not finished, originating in China and Taiwan

Order by the President of the General Court removing from the register an appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/141 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties.

(Case T-204/17 *Alfa Laval Flow Equipment (Kunshan) v. Commission*, [order](#) of February 7, 2018, available in French)

Biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia

Orders by the President of the Court of Justice removing from the register a number of appeals against the General Court's judgments of September 15, 2016, partially annulling Council Implementing Regulation 1194/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

(Case C-606/16 P *Council v. PT Musim Mas*, [order](#) of February 16, 2018; Case C-605/16 P *Council v. PT Ciliandra Perkasa*, [order](#) of February 16, 2018; Case C-604/16 P *Council v. PT Pelita Agung Agrindustri*, [order](#) of February 16, 2018; Case C-603/16 P *Council v. PT Wilmar Bioenergi Indonesia and PT Wilmar Nabati Indonesia*, [order](#) of February 16, 2018; Joined Cases C-602/16 P, C-607/16 P to C-609/16 P *Council v. Unitec Bio and Others*, [order](#) of February 15, 2018; [Council Press Release](#), January 22, 2018)

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

Appeals against Council Implementing Regulation 1238/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty, Council Implementing Regulation 1239/2013 imposing a definitive countervailing duty, and 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.

(Case T-781/17 *Kraftpojkarna v. Commission*, [OJ 2018 C 42/32](#); Case T-782/17 *Wuxi Saijing Solar v. Commission*, [OJ 2018 C 42/33](#))

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

Appeal against 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.

(Case T-835/17 *Eurofer v. Commission*, [OJ 2018 C 72/42](#))

Bicycles originating in China and consigned from Cambodia, Pakistan, and the Philippines

Appeal against the General Court's judgment of October 10, 2017, in which the 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 C-709/17 P *Commission v. Kolachi Raj Industrial and European Bicycle Manufacturers Association*, [OJ 2018 C 112/16](#))

Basic anti-dumping regulation

Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Dutch court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice concerning a dispute between Eurobolt and tax authorities over the validity of EU tariffs on goods from Malaysia.

(Case C-644/17 *Eurobolt*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2018 C 52/18](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Modernizing the EU's trade defense instruments

The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade endorsed the political agreement reached between the Commission, the Council, and the European

Parliament on the modernization of the EU's trade defense instruments.

([Commission Daily News](#), January 23, 2018; [Questions and answers](#), January 23, 2018)

Bicycles

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/49 amending Council Implementing Regulation 501/2013 following a 'new exporter' review pursuant to Articles 11(4) and 13(4) of Regulation 2016/1036.

([OJ 2018 L 7/31](#))

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/28 re-imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles whether declared as originating in Sri Lanka or not from City Cycle Industries.

([OJ 2018 L 5/27](#))

Steel ropes and cables originating, inter alia, in China and consigned from, inter alia, South Korea

Notice concerning the anti-dumping measures in force in respect of imports to the Union of steel ropes and cables originating, inter alia, in China, as extended to imports of steel ropes and cables consigned from, inter alia, South Korea, whether declared as originating in South Korea or not.

([OJ 2018 C 9/50](#))

Certain cast iron articles originating in China and India

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/140 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain cast iron articles originating in China and terminating the investigation on imports of certain cast iron articles originating in India.

([Commission Daily News](#), January 31, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 25/6](#))

New and retreaded tires for buses or lorries originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/163 making imports of new and retreaded tires for buses or lorries originating in China subject to registration.

([OJ 2018 L 30/12](#))

Certain corrosion resistant steels originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/186 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

([Commission Daily News](#), February 8, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 34/16](#))

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/260 terminating the 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.

([OJ 2018 L 49/16](#))

Certain seamless pipes and tubes of stainless steel originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/330 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

([Commission Daily News](#), March 6, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 63/15](#))

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

Commission Implementing Decision 2018/351 rejecting undertakings offered in connection with the anti-dumping proceeding.

([OJ 2018 L 67/46](#))

Certain bicycle parts originating in China

Commission Implementing Decision 2018/477 concerning exemptions from the extended anti-dumping duty pursuant to Commission Regulation 88/97.

([OJ 2018 L 79/31](#))

Peroxosulphates (persulphates) originating in China

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

([OJ 2018 C 110/29](#))

Bioethanol originating in the US

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

([OJ 2018 C 64/7](#))

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

Notices of the impending expiry of certain (i) anti-dumping and (ii) anti-subsidy measures.

((i) [OJ 2018 C 95/6](#); (ii) [OJ 2018 C 95/7](#))

Certain aluminium foil in rolls originating in China

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

([OJ 2018 C 95/8](#))

Certain organic coated steel products originating in China

Notices of initiation of an expiry review of the (i) anti-dumping and (ii) countervailing measures.

((i) [OJ 2018 C 96/8](#); (ii) [OJ 2018 C 96/21](#))

Certain tube and pipe fittings originating in Turkey, Russia, Korea, and Malaysia

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

([OJ 2018 C 31/16](#))

Biodiesel originating in Argentina

Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding.

([OJ 2018 C 34/37](#))

Certain threaded tube or pipe cast fittings of malleable cast iron originating in China and Thailand

Commission Implementing Decision 2018/52 terminating the partial interim review.

([OJ 2018 L 7/39](#))

Stainless steel wires originating in India

Notices of the impending expiry of certain (i) anti-subsidy and (ii) anti-dumping measures.

((i) [OJ 2018 C 14/10](#); (ii) [OJ 2018 C 48/5](#))

2. Trade Barriers Regulation

Trade Barriers Regulation

Commission Implementing Decision 2018/322 on suspending the examination procedure concerning obstacles to trade consisting of measures adopted by Turkey affecting trade in uncoated wood-free paper.

([Commission Press Release](#), March 5, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 62/36](#))

3. Generalized System of Preferences

Scheme of generalized tariff preferences

i The Commission and the European External Action Service (“EEAS”) published a report on the generalized scheme of preferences covering the period 2016–2017.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/301, January 19, 2018; [Questions and answers](#), January 19, 2018; Commission report: [COM 2018/36](#), January 19, 2018; [Joint staff working document](#), January 19, 2018)

ii The Council decided not to object to a Commission delegated regulation aiming at amending the list of products included in the general arrangement of GSP, as well as in the special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance (GSP+).

([Council Press Release](#), January 29, 2018)

iii Commission Delegated Regulation 2018/148 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences.

([OJ 2018 L 26/8](#))

iv Commission Delegated Regulation 2018/216 amending Annexes V and IX to Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences.

([OJ 2018 L 42/1](#))

v Notice of initiation of a safeguard investigation concerning imports of Indica rice originating in Cambodia and Myanmar.

([OJ 2018 C 100/30](#))

Bicycles and other cycles produced in Cambodia regarding the use, under cumulation, of parts originating in Malaysia

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/348 on a temporary derogation from the rules of preferential origin laid down in Delegated Regulation 2015/2446.

([OJ 2018 L 67/24](#))

4. Sanctions

EU COURTS

North Korea

- i Appeal against Council Regulation 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against North Korea and repealing Regulation 329/2007.
(Case T-742/17 *Kim and Others v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 13/28](#))
- ii The General Court dismissed the appeals 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 and Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/659 amending Council Regulation 329/2007.
(Joined Cases T-533/15 and T-264/16 *Kim and Others v. Council and Commission*, [judgment](#) of March 14, 2018)

Russia/Ukraine

- i The European Court of Justice declared inadmissible the appeals brought by Ukraine against the General Court's orders of July 19, 2017, (i) fixing the total amount of the costs to be reimbursed by Ukraine to Mr. Viktor Fedorovych Yanukovych, Mrs. Olga Stanislavivna Yanukovych, and Mr. Oleksandr Viktorovych Yanukovych and (ii) determining how to calculate late payment interests.
(Case C-549/17 P *Ukraine v. Viktor Fedorovych Yanukovych*, [OJ 2018 C 22/17](#); Case C-550/17 P *Ukraine v. Olga Stanislavivna Yanukovych*, [OJ 2018 C 22/17](#); Case C-551/17 P *Ukraine v. Oleksandr Viktorovych Yanukovych*, [OJ 2018 C 22/18](#))
- ii Freezing of funds - List of persons, entities and bodies subject to the freezing of funds and economic resources - Maintenance of the applicant's name on the list - Duty to state reasons - Legal basis - Factual basis - Manifest error of assessment - Rights of defense - Right to property - Right to reputation - Proportionality - Protection of fundamental rights equivalent to that guaranteed in the EU - Plea of illegality.

(Case T-731/15 *Klyuyev v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 21, 2018)

- iii Appeal against the General Court's judgment of November 8, 2017, dismissing 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 C-11/18 P *Klymenko v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 94/12](#))
- iv The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/318 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2016/311 implementing Regulation 208/2014.
(Case T-242/16 *Stavytskyi v. Council*, [judgment](#) of March 22, 2018)

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Belarus

- i The Council decided to prolong the restrictive measures against Belarus for one year.
([Council Press Release](#), February 23, 2018)
- ii Council Regulation 2018/275 amending Regulation 765/2006.
([OJ 2018 L 54/1](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/280 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP.
([OJ 2018 L 54/16](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2012/642/CFSP and in Council Regulation 765/2006.
([OJ 2018 C 71/2](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 765/2006 apply.
([OJ 2018 C 71/3](#))

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- i The Council prolonged for twelve months the validity of the Council decision of March 21, 2011. ([Council Press Release](#), March 19, 2018)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/459 amending Decision 2011/173/CFSP. ([OJ 2018 L 77/17](#))

Central African Republic

- i The Council amended the information related to one person under restrictive measures against the Central African Republic, transposing into EU law an update made by the United Nations Security Council committee on February 16, 2018. ([Council Press Release](#), March 5, 2018)
- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/325 implementing Article 17(3) of Regulation 224/2014. ([OJ 2018 L 63/3](#))
- iii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/332 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP. ([OJ 2018 L 63/46](#))
- iv The Council amended the restrictive measures against the Central African Republic to transpose into EU law the modifications made by the UN Security Council Committee in its resolution 2399 (2018). ([Council Press Release](#), March 12, 2018)
- v Council Regulation 2018/387 amending Regulation 224/2014. ([OJ 2018 L 69/9](#))
- vi Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/391 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP. ([OJ 2018 L 69/46](#))

Congo

- i The European Parliament adopted a resolution. ([Resolution](#), January 18, 2018)
- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/197 implementing Article 9 of Regulation 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to Congo. ([OJ 2018 L 38/2](#))
- iii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/202 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP. ([OJ 2018 L 38/19](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP, as implemented

by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/202, and Council Regulation 1183/2005, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/197.

([OJ 2018 C 51/1](#))

- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 1183/2005 apply. ([OJ 2018 C 51/3](#))

Egypt

- i Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP and Council Regulation 270/2011. ([OJ 2018 C 33/4](#))
- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/465 implementing Regulation 270/2011. ([OJ 2018 L 78 I/1](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/466 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP. ([OJ 2018 L 78 I/3](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons to whom restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/466, and in Council Regulation 270/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/465, apply. ([OJ 2018 C 107/4](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 270/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/465, apply. ([OJ 2018 C 107/5](#))

Guinea-Bissau

- i Council Implementing Regulation 2018/31 implementing Article 11(1) of Regulation 377/2012. ([OJ 2018 L 6/1](#))
- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/36 implementing Decision 2012/285/CFSP. ([OJ 2018 L 6/48](#))

Iran

Notice for the attention of certain persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP and in Council Regulation 359/2011. ([OJ 2018 C 84/3](#))

Libya

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/126 amending Council Regulation 2016/44.
([OJ 2018 L 22/12](#))
- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/132 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.
([OJ 2018 L 22/34](#))
- iii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/167 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.
([OJ 2018 L 31/84](#))
- iv Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/166 amending Council Regulation 2016/44.
([OJ 2018 L 31/82](#))
- v Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/200 amending Council Regulation 2016/44.
([OJ 2018 L 38/11](#))
- vi Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/203 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.
([OJ 2018 L 38/23](#))
- vii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/476 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.
([OJ 2018 L 79/30](#))

Myanmar/Burma

The Council adopted conclusions.
([Council Press Release](#), February 26, 2018)

North Korea

- i The Council aligned its lists of sanctioned people and entities with the latest UN Security Council resolution.
([Council Press Release](#), January 8, 2018)
- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/12 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2018 L 4/1](#))
- iii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/16 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2018 L 4/16](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons and entity subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/16, and Council Regulation 2017/1509, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/12.
([OJ 2018 C 6/1](#))

- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2017/1509, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/12, apply.
([OJ 2018 C 6/3](#))
- vi Council Implementing Regulation 2018/53 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2018 L 10/1](#))
- vii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/58 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2018 L 10/15](#))
- viii The Council added seventeen individuals to its list of those subject to an asset freeze and travel restrictions.
([Council Press Release](#), January 22, 2018)
- ix Council Implementing Regulation 2018/87 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2018 L 16 I/1](#))
- x Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/89 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2018 L 16 I/9](#))
- xi Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, as amended by Decision (CFSP) 2018/89, and in Council Regulation 2017/1509, as implemented by Implementing Regulation 2018/87.
([OJ 2018 C 23/2](#))
- xii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2018 C 23/3](#))
- xiii The Council increased the restrictive measures against North Korea by finalizing the transposition into EU law of the measures imposed by the latest UN Security Council resolution 2397 (2017).
([Council Press Release](#), February 26, 2018)
- xiv Council Regulation 2018/285 amending Council Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2018 L 55/1](#))
- xv Council Implementing Regulation 2018/286 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2018 L 55/15](#))
- xvi Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/293 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2018 L 55/50](#))
- xvii The Council amended the information related to one individual under restrictive measures against

North Korea, transposing into EU law an update made by the United Nations Security Council committee on February 15, 2018.

([Council Press Release](#), March 5, 2018)

xviii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/324 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.

([OJ 2018 L 63/1](#))

xix Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/331 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.

([OJ 2018 L 63/44](#))

Russia/Ukraine

i Information note to EU business on operating and/or investing in Crimea/Sevastopol.

([Joint staff working document](#), January 25, 2018)

ii The Council extended by one year the asset freezes against thirteen persons identified as responsible for the misappropriation of Ukrainian state funds or for the abuse of office causing a loss to Ukrainian public funds. The restrictive measures against two persons were not extended.

([Council Press Release](#), March 5, 2018)

iii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/326 implementing Regulation 208/2014.

([OJ 2018 L 63/5](#))

iv Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/333 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP.

([OJ 2018 L 63/48](#))

v Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/333, and in Council Regulation 208/2014.

([OJ 2018 C 84/1](#))

vi Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 208/2014 apply.

([OJ 2018 C 84/2](#))

vii 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](#), March 12, 2018)

viii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/388 implementing Regulation 269/2014.

([OJ 2018 L 69/11](#))

ix Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/392 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.

([OJ 2018 L 69/48](#))

x 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) 2018/392, and in Council Regulation 269/2014 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/388.

([OJ 2018 C 95/2](#))

xi 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 2018/388 apply.

([OJ 2018 C 95/3](#))

Somalia

i Council Implementing Regulation 2018/413 implementing Article 12 of Regulation 356/2010.

([OJ 2018 L 75/1](#))

ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/417 implementing Decision 2010/231/CFSP.

([OJ 2018 L 75/25](#))

iii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 356/2010 apply.

([OJ 2018 C 103/2](#))

iv Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/417, and in Council Regulation 356/2010, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/413.

([OJ 2018 C 103/3](#))

Sudan

i The Council added three persons involved in serious human rights violations to the list of those submitted to a travel ban and an asset freeze in view of the situation in South Sudan.

([Council Press Release](#), February 2, 2018)

ii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/164 implementing Article 22(1) of Regulation 2015/735.

([OJ 2018 L 31/1](#))

iii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/168 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/740.

([OJ 2018 L 31/86](#))

iv Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/740, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/168,

and in Council Regulation 2015/735, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/164.

[\(OJ 2018 C 41/5\)](#)

v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2015/735 apply.

[\(OJ 2018 C 41/6\)](#)

vi Council Implementing Regulation 2018/512 implementing Article 15(3) of Regulation 747/2014.

[\(OJ 2018 L 84/13\)](#)

vii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/516 implementing Decision 2014/450/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2018 L 84/22\)](#)

Syria

i Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Regulation 36/2012.

[\(OJ 2018 C 46/1\)](#)

ii The Council added two new ministers to the list of those targeted by EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime.

[\(Council Press Release, February 26, 2018\)](#)

iii Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and in Council Regulation 36/2012.

[\(OJ 2018 C 73/5\)](#)

iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/282 apply.

[\(OJ 2018 C 73/6\)](#)

v Council Implementing Regulation 2018/282 implementing Regulation 36/2012.

[\(OJ 2018 L 54 I/3\)](#)

vi Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/284 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2018 L 54 I/8\)](#)

vii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in Syria.

[\(Resolution, March 15, 2018\)](#)

viii The Council added four persons to the list of those targeted by EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime.

[\(Council Press Release, March 19, 2018\)](#)

ix Council Implementing Regulation 2018/420 implementing Regulation 36/2012.

[\(OJ 2018 L 75 I/1\)](#)

x Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/421 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2018 L 75 I/3\)](#)

xi Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/420, apply.

[\(OJ 2018 C 105/2\)](#)

xii Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and in Council Regulation 36/2012.

[\(OJ 2018 C 105/1\)](#)

Tunisia

i The Council extended a freeze on the assets of forty-eight persons deemed to be responsible for the misappropriation of state funds in Tunisia and those persons and entities associated with them.

[\(Council Press Release, January 29, 2018\)](#)

ii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/137 implementing Regulation 101/2011.

[\(OJ 2018 L 25/1\)](#)

iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/141 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2018 L 25/38\)](#)

iv Notice for the attention of the persons subject to restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/72/CFSP, as amended by Decision (CFSP) 2018/141, and in Council Regulation 101/2011, as implemented by Implementing Regulation 2018/137.

[\(OJ 2018 C 33/2\)](#)

v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 101/2011, as implemented by Implementing Regulation 2018/137, apply.

[\(OJ 2018 C 33/3\)](#)

Venezuela

i In view of the continuing deterioration of the situation in Venezuela, the Council decided to put seven individuals holding official positions under restrictive measures, with immediate effect.

[\(Council Press Release, January 22, 2018\)](#)

- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/88 implementing Regulation 2017/2063.
([OJ 2018 L 16 I/6](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/90 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074.
([OJ 2018 L 16 I/14](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074, as amended by Decision (CFSP) 2018/90, and in Council Regulation 2017/2063, as implemented by Implementing Regulation 2018/88.
([OJ 2018 C 23/4](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2017/2063 apply.
([OJ 2018 C 23/5](#))
- vi The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in Venezuela.
([EP Press Release](#), February 8, 2018; [Resolution](#), February 8, 2018)
- vii Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela.
([Council Press Release](#), February 14, 2018)

Zimbabwe

- i Notice for the attention of a person subject to restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/101/CFSP and in Council Regulation 314/2004.
([OJ 2018 C 23/6](#))
- ii The Council extended the EU restrictive measures against Zimbabwe until February 20, 2019.
([Council Press Release](#), February 15, 2018)
- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/223 amending Council Regulation 314/2004.
([OJ 2018 L 43/10](#))
- iv Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/224 amending Decision 2011/101/CFSP.
([OJ 2018 L 43/12](#))
- v Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/227 implementing Decision 2011/101/CFSP.
([OJ 2018 L 43/16](#))
- vi Notice for the attention of the persons, entities and bodies to which restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/101/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/224 and in Council Regulation 314/2004 apply.
([OJ 2018 C 60/5](#))
- vii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 314/2004 apply.
([OJ 2018 C 60/6](#))

5. Other Measures

EU COURTS

Bilateral Investment Treaty (“BIT”)

The Court of Justice held that the arbitration clause in the agreement between the Netherlands and Slovakia on the protection of investments is not compatible with EU law. That clause removes from the mechanism of judicial review of EU law disputes which may relate to the application or interpretation of that law.

(Case C-284/16 *Achmea*, [judgment](#) of March 6, 2018; [Court Press Release](#), March 6, 2018; [EP Press Release](#), March 6, 2018)

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Multilateral Investment Court

The Council adopted negotiating directives authorizing the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the EU, a convention establishing a multilateral court for the settlement of investment disputes. The Council also decided to make the negotiating directives public.

([Council Press Release](#), March 20, 2018; [Commission Daily News](#), March 21, 2018; [Text](#) of the draft negotiating directives, March 20, 2018)

US restrictions on steel and aluminum imports

i The European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade strongly condemned the announcement by the President of the United States to impose restrictions on imports of steel and aluminum to the US in the form of additional import duties.

([EP Press Release](#), March 2, 2018)

ii The Commission outlined the EU’s plan to counter US trade restrictions on steel and aluminum.

([Commission Daily News](#), March 7, 2018)

iii The Commission started a consultation on the announced US tariff increase on imports of certain

steel and aluminum products and possible EU commercial policy measures in response.

([Consultation page](#))

iv The Commission published a list of US products that will face tariffs.

([List](#))

v Statement by Commissioners Katainen and Malmström in Strasbourg on March 14, 2018.

([Commission Press Release](#), March 14, 2018)

vi The Commission initiated a safeguard investigation on imports of a number of steel products into the EU, in response to the US restrictions on steel and aluminum.

([Commission Daily News](#), March 26, 2018; [OJ 2018 C 111/29](#))

vii Statement by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade following the statement from US President Trump to temporarily exclude the EU from tariffs on steel and aluminum.

([EP Press Release](#), March 23, 2018)

Dual-use items

The European Parliament adopted amendments on the proposed regulation on setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance, and transit of dual-use items.

([Amendments](#), January 17, 2018)

Trade and sustainability in EU trade agreements

The Commission presented a non-paper on feedback and the way forward on improving the implementation and enforcement of trade and sustainable development chapters in EU free trade agreements.

([Commission Press Release](#), February 27, 2018; [Non-paper](#), February 26, 2018)

Textile products

The Council decided not to object to a delegated act submitted by the Commission as regards the updating of the list of combined nomenclature codes related to the imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements.

([Council Press Release](#), January 23, 2018)

Gender equality in trade agreements

i The European Parliament's Committees on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and on International Trade voted in favor of a resolution on strengthening gender equality in EU trade agreements.

([EP Press Release](#), January 24, 2018)

ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on gender equality in EU trade agreements.

([EP Press Release](#), March 13, 2018; [Resolution](#), March 13, 2018)

Arms export controls

i The Council adopted a decision on the promotion of effective arms export controls.

([Council Press Release](#), January 22, 2018)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/101 on the promotion of effective arms export controls.

([OJ 2018 L 17/40](#))

Understanding the weakness in global trade

The Commission published a paper looking at the factors explaining the slowdown in global trade that followed the economic and financial crisis.

([Paper](#), January 2018)

Hearing officer in trade proceedings

Notice regarding the appointment of the hearing officer in trade proceedings.

([OJ 2018 C 1/6](#))

Torture goods

Commission Delegated Regulation 2018/181 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.

([OJ 2018 L 40/1](#))

Cultural goods

List of authorities empowered to issue export licenses for cultural goods, published in accordance with Article 3(2) of Council Regulation 116/2009.

([OJ 2018 C 71/5](#))

Export credits

Commission Delegated Regulation 2018/179 amending Regulation 1233/2011 on the application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits.

([OJ 2018 L 37/1](#))

III. EC Customs Policy

EU COURTS

Customs Union

Charges having an effect equivalent to customs duties - Article 30 TFEU - Internal taxation - Article 110 TFEU - Charge applied to exported petroleum products - Charge not passed on to the consumer - Tax burden for the taxpayer - Reimbursement of the sums paid by the taxpayer.

(Case C-76/17 *SC Petrotel-Lukoil and Maria Magdalena Georgescu*, [judgment](#) of March 1, 2018)

Common Customs Tariff

i Tariff headings - Motor vehicles for the transport of goods - Subheadings 8704 10 10 and 8704 21 91 - Regulation 2015/221 - Validity.

(Case C-545/16 *Kubota (UK) and EP Barrus*, [judgment](#) of February 22, 2018)

ii Classification of goods - Harmonized European standard EN 590:2013 - Subheading 2710 19 43 of the Combined Nomenclature - Relevant criteria for the classification of goods as gas oil.

(Case C-185/17 *SAKSA*, [judgment](#) of February 22, 2018)

Customs Code

i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Spanish court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice regarding an application for remission where there are elements of fact and law similar to a previous case already resolved by the Commission or its decision that there is a comparable case pending resolution.

(Case C-589/17 *Prenatal*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2018 C 22/19](#))

ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Portuguese court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the interpretation of Commission Regulation 2454/93 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code, in particular regarding Community status of certain goods.

(Case C-643/17 *GE Power Controls Portugal - Unipessoal*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2018 C 52/17](#))

iii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Latvian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the determination of the customs value of imported goods.

(Case C-1/18 *Oriola Rīga*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2018 C 104/18](#))

Combined Nomenclature

Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the validity of Commission Implementing Regulation 767/2014 on the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

(Case C-593/17 *Kreyenhop & Kluge*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2018 C 32/12](#))

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Customs Code

i The Commission published the feedback received to the draft implementing regulation amending 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.

([Feedback page](#))

ii Commission report on the implementation of the Union Customs Code and on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts pursuant to Article 284 thereunder.

([COM 2018/39](#), January 22, 2018)

iii The Commission published a roadmap with respect to the expansion of the EU customs territory and other technical amendments to the Union Customs Code.

([Roadmap](#), February 14, 2018; [Feedback page](#))

iv Proposed regulation amending Regulation 952/2013 to prolong the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code.

([COM 2018/85](#), March 2, 2018; [Feedback page](#))

v The Commission published all feedback received to its roadmap on the expansion of the EU customs territory and other technical amendments to the Union Customs Code.

([Feedback page](#))

vi Commission delegated regulation amending and correcting Delegated Regulation 2015/2446 supplementing Regulation 952/2013 as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code.

([Draft act](#), March 21, 2018; [Annex](#), March 21, 2018)

Customs valuation

The Commission started an exploratory consultation on the establishment in the EU of decisions relating to binding information in the field of customs valuation.

([Consultation page](#))

Customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US

i Regulation on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([Consolidated text](#) of regulation, January 5, 2018)

ii The Council adopted a codified version of the regulation imposing additional custom duties on imports of certain products from the US.

([Council Press Release](#), January 29, 2018)

iii Regulation 2018/196 on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([OJ 2018 L 44/1](#))

iv Commission delegated regulation amending Council Regulation 673/2005 establishing additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([Draft act](#), February 19, 2018; [Annex](#), February 19, 2018)

EU customs action plan to combat IPR infringements

Commission report on the implementation of the EU customs action plan to combat IPR infringements for the years 2013–2017.

([COM 2018/77](#), February 22, 2018)

EU/New Zealand

i Recommendation by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the agreement between the EU and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

([Recommendation](#), February 22, 2018)

ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the EU/New Zealand agreement

on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

([Resolution](#), March 13, 2018)

Common transit procedure

Decision 1/2017 of the EU/EFTA Joint Committee on Common Transit amending the 1987 convention on a common transit procedure.

([OJ 2018 L 8/1](#))

Customs IT systems

Council conclusions on the way forward of developing customs IT systems.

([OJ 2018 C 4/3](#))

Combined Nomenclature

i Explanatory notes to the EU's Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2018 C 7/3](#); [OJ 2018 C 34/26](#); [OJ 2018 C 51/5](#); [OJ 2018 C 55/3](#); [OJ 2018 C 95/5](#))

ii Commission Implementing Regulations 2018/77, 2018/81, 2018/220, 2018/267, and 2018/407 on the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2018 L 14/3](#); [OJ 2018 L 16/1](#); [OJ 2018 L 43/3](#); [OJ 2018 L 51/8](#); [OJ 2018 L 74/6](#))

iii Draft Commission implementing regulation concerning the classification of brown fused alumina slag in the Combined Nomenclature.

([Draft act](#))

iv Draft Commission implementing regulation creating a new additional note 5 to Chapter 15 of the Combined Nomenclature (food supplements).

([Draft act](#))

v Draft Commission implementing regulation amending additional note 6 to Chapter 17 of the Combined Nomenclature (inulin syrup).

([Draft act](#))

vi Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/198 repealing Implementing Regulation 716/2012 on the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2018 L 38/7](#))

Textile products

Commission Delegated Regulation 2018/173 amending Regulation 2015/936 as regards updating the Combined Nomenclature codes listed in Annex I to that regulation.

([OJ 2018 L 32/12](#))

Common Customs Tariff

Commission Implementing Regulations 2018/125, 2018/396, and 2018/507 amending Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff.

([OJ 2018 L 22/10](#); [OJ 2018 L 71/36](#); [OJ 2018 L 83/11](#))

Cultural goods

List of customs offices empowered to handle formalities for the exportation of cultural goods, published in accordance with Article 5(2) of Council Regulation 116/2009.

([OJ 2018 C 67/6](#))

Binding Tariff Information (“BTI”)

List of customs authorities designated by Member States for the purposes of receiving applications, or taking decisions relating to binding tariff information, adopted in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/2447.

([OJ 2018 C 110/24](#))

IV. EU External Relations

1. Enlargement

Western Balkans

The Commission adopted a strategy for a credible enlargement perspective for and enhanced EU engagement with the Western Balkans.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/561, February 6, 2018; [Questions and answers](#), February 6, 2018; [COM 2018/65](#), February 6, 2018; [Annex](#), February 6, 2018; [Statement](#) by the European People’s Party (“EPP”), February 6, 2018)

2. Multi- or Plurilateral

AMERICAS**EU/Mercosur**

i The Commission published the report from the thirty-first round of negotiations of the trade part of the EU/Mercosur association agreement.

([Report](#), January 2018)

ii The Commission published a sustainability impact assessment in support of association agreement negotiations between the EU and Mercosur.

([Inception report](#), January 24, 2018)

iii The Commission published the report from the thirty-second round of negotiations of the trade part of the association agreement between the EU and Mercosur.

([Commission Daily News](#), March 15, 2018; [Report](#), March 15, 2018)

EU/Colombia and Peru

Decision 1/2017 of the EU/Colombia/Peru Trade Committee amending Appendix 1 of Annex XII (Government Procurement) to the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru.

([OJ 2018 L 1/1](#))

AFRICA**EU/Southern Africa Development Community (“SADC”)**

i Mozambique joined the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC.

([Commission Daily News](#), February 5, 2018)

ii Notice concerning the provisional application of the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA States.

([OJ 2018 L 38/1](#))

ASIA**EU/Asia**

Commission roadmap concerning elements for an EU strategy on connecting Europe and Asia.

([Roadmap](#), February 6, 2018)

EUROPE**Eastern Partnership**

i Factual analysis on looking for Eastern partners’ potential to enhance trade and economic integration with the EU and within the Eastern Partnership Region.

([Commission staff working document](#), January 15, 2018)

ii Representatives from EU Member States and the six partner countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) agreed on the key priorities for 2018 to deliver on the commitments taken at the Eastern Partnership Summit of November 24, 2017.

([Commission Daily News](#), March 12, 2018)

3. Bilateral

AFRICA

EU/Ivory Coast

- i Proposed Council decision establishing the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the EPA committee set up by the stepping stone economic partnership agreement between the EU and Ivory Coast on the adoption of the rules of procedure of the EPA Committee.
([COM 2018/54](#), February 5, 2018; [Annex](#), February 5, 2018)
- ii The Council adopted a decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the EU/Ivory Coast economic partnership agreement committee, regarding the adoption of its rules of procedure.
([Council Press Release](#), March 15, 2018; [Text](#) of decision, March 13, 2018)

AMERICAS

EU/Canada

The Commission officially launched a call for proposals to identify sectors and issues where there is high interest for regulatory cooperation with Canada.
([Commission Daily News](#), January 19, 2018; [Commission Press Release](#), January 18, 2018)

EU/Chile

- i The Council decided to publish the mandate given to the Commission on November 13, 2017, to modernize the existing association agreement with Chile.
([Council Press Release](#), January 22, 2018; [Commission Daily News](#), January 22, 2018; [Mandate](#), January 22, 2018)
- ii The Commission published a number of EU initial textual proposals and a report of the second round of negotiations between the EU and Chile for modernizing the trade part of the EU/Chile association agreement.
([Commission Daily News](#), February 6, 2018; [Report](#), February 2018; [EU textual proposal](#) (anti-corruption); [EU textual proposal](#) (competition); [EU textual proposal](#) (customs and trade facilitation); [EU textual proposal](#) (digital trade); [EU textual proposal](#) (dispute settlement); [Annex](#); [Annex](#); [EU textual proposal](#) (energy and raw

materials); [EU textual proposal](#) (IP); [EU textual proposal](#) (public procurement); [EU textual proposal](#) (rules of origin); [EU textual proposal](#) (investment and trade in services); [EU textual proposal](#) (SMEs); [EU textual proposal](#) (State-owned enterprises); [EU textual proposal](#) (technical barriers to trade); [EU textual proposal](#) (trade in goods); [EU textual proposal](#) (trade remedies: anti-dumping and countervailing duties; global safeguard measures); [EU textual proposal](#) (trade remedies: bilateral safeguard measures))

EU/Mexico

The Commission published the report from the latest round of talks for a new, modernized EU/Mexico trade agreement.

([Commission Daily News](#), January 25, 2018; [Report](#))

ASIA

EU/Indonesia

- i The EU completed the fourth round of trade and investment negotiations with Indonesia.
([Commission Press Release](#), February 26, 2018)
- ii The Commission published the report of the fourth round of negotiations for a free trade agreement between the EU and Indonesia.
([Commission Daily News](#), March 15, 2018; [Report](#))

EU/Uzbekistan

The Commission published all feedback received to its roadmap regarding the request for a mandate for a comprehensive agreement with Uzbekistan.

([Feedback page](#))

EU/India

Commission roadmap concerning elements for an EU strategy on India.

([Roadmap](#), February 5, 2018)

EU/Philippines

Notice concerning the entry into force of the framework agreement on partnership and cooperation between the EU and the Philippines.

([OJ 2018 L 78/1](#))

EUROPE

EU/Georgia

Decision 1/2017 of the EU/Georgia Association Committee in Trade Configuration establishing the list

of arbitrators referred to in Article 268(1) of the EU/Georgia association agreement.

([OJ 2018 L 1/3](#))

EU/Armenia

i Commission evaluation roadmap with respect to the EU's co-operation with Armenia.

([Evaluation roadmap](#), January 10, 2018; [Feedback page](#))

ii Council Decision 2018/104 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement between the EU and Armenia.

([OJ 2018 L 23/1](#); Agreement: [OJ 2018 L 23/4](#))

iii Recommendation 1/2017 of the EU/Armenia Cooperation Council on the EU/Armenia partnership priorities.

([OJ 2018 L 60/51](#))

EU/Ukraine

i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Council established by the EU/Ukraine association agreement, as regards supplementing Annex I-A to Chapter 1 of Title IV of that agreement, and within the Association Committee in Trade configuration, as regards recalculating the schedule of export duty elimination set out in Annexes I-C and I-D to Chapter 1 of Title IV of that agreement.

([Text of decision](#), January 9, 2018)

ii The Council adopted a decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the EU/Ukraine Association Council and within the trade committee configuration.

([Council Press Release](#), January 22, 2018)

iii Council Decision 2018/156 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Council established by the EU/Ukraine association agreement, as regards supplementing Annex I-A to Chapter 1 of Title IV of that agreement, and within the Association Committee in Trade configuration, as regards recalculating the schedule of export duty elimination set out in Annexes I-C and I-D to Chapter 1 of Title IV of that agreement.

([OJ 2018 L 29/13](#))

iv Decision 1/2017 of the EU/Ukraine Sanitary and Phytosanitary Management Sub-Committee adopting its Rules of Procedure.

([OJ 2018 L 38/25](#))

v Decision 1/2017 of the EU/Ukraine Sub-Committee on Geographical Indications adopting its Rules of Procedure.

([OJ 2018 L 38/31](#))

vi Decision 1/2017 of the EU/Ukraine Customs Sub-Committee adopting its Rules of Procedure.

([OJ 2018 L 38/36](#))

vii Decision 1/2017 of the EU/Ukraine Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee adopting its Rules of Procedure.

([OJ 2018 L 45/44](#))

EU/Moldova

i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Committee meeting in Trade configuration established by the EU/Moldova association agreement concerning the update of Annexes XXVIII-A (Rules applicable to financial services), XXVIII-B (Rules applicable to telecommunication services) and XXVIII-D (Rules applicable to international maritime transport) to the agreement.

([Text of decision](#), February 9, 2018)

ii The Council approved the position to be taken by the EU within the EU/Moldova association committee meeting in trade configuration as concerns updated rules applicable to financial and telecommunication services and international maritime transport.

([Council Press Release](#), February 20, 2018)

iii The Council adopted conclusions on Moldova.

([Council Press Release](#), February 26, 2018)

MIDDLE EAST

EU/Iraq

i The Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy adopted a joint communication on elements for an EU strategy for Iraq.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/4, January 8, 2018; [JOIN 2018/1](#), January 8, 2018)

ii The Council adopted conclusions establishing a new strategy on Iraq.

([Council Press Release](#), January 22, 2018)

OCEANIA

EU/New Zealand

i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee established by the EU/New Zealand partnership agreement on relations and cooperation, 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.

([Text](#) of decision, February 5, 2018)

ii The Council adopted the position to be taken by the EU within the joint committee established by the partnership agreement on relations and cooperation

between the EU and New Zealand on 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.

([Council Press Release](#), February 15, 2018)

iii Council Decision 2018/253 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee established by the EU/New Zealand partnership agreement on relations and cooperation, 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.

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