

*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 2018.*

## I. WTO

### 1. Dispute Settlement

#### **Qatar requests WTO consultations with Saudi Arabia on intellectual property rights protection**

Qatar has requested WTO dispute consultations with Saudi Arabia to discuss certain Saudi measures concerning intellectual property rights owned by Qatari nationals.

([WTO Press Release](#), October 4, 2018)

#### **Brazil initiates WTO dispute complaint against Chinese measures on sugar imports**

Brazil has requested WTO dispute consultations with China to discuss certain measures imposed by China on imports of sugar.

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

#### **Ukraine initiates dispute complaints against Armenia, Kyrgyz Republic on steel pipe duties**

Ukraine has requested WTO dispute consultations with Armenia and the Kyrgyz Republic to discuss anti-dumping duties imposed by the two countries on steel pipes from Ukraine.

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

#### **Japan initiates WTO dispute complaint against Korean support for shipbuilders**

Japan has requested WTO dispute consultations with Korea concerning alleged subsidies provided by the Korean government to its shipbuilding industry.

([WTO Press Release](#), November 13, 2018)

#### **Argentina initiates WTO dispute complaint against Peruvian measures on biodiesel imports**

Argentina has requested WTO dispute consultations with Peru concerning anti-dumping and countervailing measures imposed by Peru on biodiesel imports from Argentina.

([WTO Press Release](#), December 5, 2018)

#### **Thailand initiates WTO dispute complaint against Turkish duties on air conditioners**

Thailand has requested WTO dispute consultations with Turkey concerning an additional duty imposed by Turkey on imported air conditioners from Thailand.

([WTO Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)

#### **Madagascar launches two safeguard investigations: on pasta and blankets**

On October 8, 2018, Madagascar notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on September 20, 2018, two safeguard investigations: one on pasta and another on blankets.

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

#### **Indonesia launches safeguard investigation on aluminium foil**

On October 11, 2018, Indonesia notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated, on October 9, 2018, a safeguard investigation on aluminium foil.

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

#### **Canada launches safeguard investigation on certain steel products**

On October 12, 2018, Canada notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated, on October 11, 2018, a safeguard investigation on certain steel products.

([WTO Press Release](#), October 15, 2018)

#### **Panama files appeal against compliance panel ruling in dispute with Colombia over import measures**

Panama filed an appeal on November 20, 2018, concerning the WTO compliance panel report in the case "Colombia - Measures Relating to the Importation of Textiles, Apparel and Footwear (Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Colombia and Panama)" (DS461).

([WTO Press Release](#), November 20, 2018)

#### **Morocco files appeal against panel ruling in dispute with Turkey over steel duties**

Morocco filed an appeal on November 20, 2018, concerning the WTO panel report in the case brought by Turkey in "Morocco - Anti-dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel from Turkey" (DS513).

([WTO Press Release](#), November 20, 2018)



**India appeals panel ruling in dispute with Japan over safeguard duties on steel products**

India filed an appeal on December 14, 2018, concerning the WTO panel report in the case brought by Japan in “India - Certain Measures on Imports of Iron and Steel Products” (DS518). The panel report was circulated to WTO members on November 6, 2018.

([WTO Press Release](#), December 14, 2018)

**PANELS ESTABLISHED****Panels established to examine Pakistani duties on film, Korean duties on steel**

At a meeting of the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on October 29, 2018, WTO members agreed to a request from the United Arab Emirates for the establishment of a panel to examine anti-dumping duties imposed by Pakistan on biaxially oriented polypropylene from the UAE as well as a request from Japan for a panel to examine anti-dumping duties imposed on stainless steel bar from Japan.

([WTO Press Release](#), October 29, 2018)

**Panels established to review US steel and aluminium tariffs, countermeasures on US imports**

At its meeting on November 21, 2018, the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) agreed to requests from seven members for the establishment of panels to examine tariffs imposed by the United States on steel and aluminium imports.

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

**Panels established to review India, Swiss complaints against US tariffs**

At its meeting on December 4, 2018, the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) agreed to requests from India and Switzerland for the establishment of panels to examine tariffs imposed by the United States on steel and aluminium imports.

([WTO Press Release](#), December 4, 2018)

**Panels established to review claims against trade measures of Costa Rica, Russia, Saudi Arabia**

At its meeting on December 18, 2018, the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) agreed to establish a panel to review Mexico’s complaint against import restrictions imposed by Costa Rica on fresh avocados from Mexico. The DSB also agreed to a request from the United States for a panel to review its complaint regarding Russia’s tariffs on imports of certain US

goods and from Qatar for a panel to rule on measures in Saudi Arabia on the protection of intellectual property rights.

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

**PANEL REPORTS ISSUED****WTO issues compliance panel reports regarding Colombian measures on textiles, apparel, footwear**

On October 5, 2018, the WTO circulated compliance reports in the dispute “Colombia - Measures Relating to the Importation of Textiles, Apparel and Footwear - Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Panama and Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Colombia” (DS461).

([WTO Press Release](#), October 5, 2018)

**WTO issues panel report regarding Moroccan duties on steel products from Turkey**

On October 31, 2018, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Turkey in “Morocco - Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel from Turkey” (DS513).

([WTO Press Release](#), October 31, 2018)

**WTO issues panel report regarding Indian safeguard duties on steel products**

On November 6, 2018, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Japan in “India - Certain Measures on Imports of Iron and Steel Products” (DS518).

([WTO Press Release](#), November 6, 2018)

**WTO issues compliance panel report regarding Thai measures on imported cigarettes**

On November 12, 2018, the WTO circulated the compliance panel report in the dispute initiated by the Philippines in “Thailand - Customs and Fiscal Measures on Cigarettes from the Philippines - Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by the Philippines” (DS371).

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

**WTO issues panel report regarding US duties on Turkish pipe and tube products**

On December 18, 2018, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Turkey in “United States - Countervailing Measures on Certain Pipe and Tube Products” (DS523).

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

## APPELLATE BODY

### **Appellate Body issues report regarding Brazil tax measures**

On December 13, 2018, the Appellate Body issued its report in the cases by the European Union and Japan in “Brazil - Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges” (DS472 and DS497).

([WTO Press Release](#), December 13, 2018; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6816, December 14, 2018)

### **Appellate Body issues report on revised US “dolphin-safe” tuna labelling measure**

On December 14, 2018, the Appellate Body issued its report in the cases brought by Mexico and the United States in “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 14, 2018)

## **2. Other Developments**

### **The way forward for the WTO**

i The European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade adopted a resolution on the way forward for the WTO.

([EP Press Release](#), November 20, 2018)

ii The EU, together with other members of the WTO, presented a proposal for concrete changes to overcome the current deadlock in the WTO Appellate Body.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6529, November 26, 2018)

iii Report by the European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade on the way forward for the WTO.

([Report](#), November 22, 2018)

iv European Parliament resolution of November 29, 2018, on the way forward for the WTO.

([Resolution](#), November 29, 2018)

## TRADE POLICY REVIEWS

### **Vanuatu**

([WTO Press Release](#), October 23 and 25, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), September 11, 2018)

### **Armenia**

([WTO Press Release](#), November 20 and 22, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), October 3, 2018)

### **Hong Kong, China**

([WTO Press Release](#), November 26 and 28, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), October 1, 2018)

### **Nepal**

([WTO Press Release](#), December 3 and 5, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), October 8, 2018)

### **US**

([WTO Press Release](#), December 17 and 19, 2018; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), November 12, 2018)

## **II. EU Commercial Policy**

### **1. Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy**

#### EU COURTS

##### **Cotton-type bed linen originating in Pakistan**

The Court of Justice dismissed the appeal against the General Court’s judgment of December 15, 2016 dismissing the appeal against Council Regulation 397/2004 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case C-100/17 P *Gul Ahmed Textile Mills v. Council*, [judgment](#) of October 18, 2018)

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

i Opinion by Advocate General Tanchev advising the Court of Justice to dismiss the appeal against the General Court’s judgment of February 28, 2017, dismissing the appeal against Council Implementing Regulation 1238/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

(Case C-236/17 P *Canadian Solar Emea and Others v. Council*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of October 3, 2018)

ii Orders by the General Court granting: (i) Wuxi Sajing Solar; and (ii) Kraftpojkarna leave to intervene in the appeal 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.

(i) Case T-781/17 *Kraftpojkarna v. Commission*, [order](#) of October 11, 2018; Case T-782/17 *Wuxi Saijing Solar v. Commission*, [order](#) of October 11, 2018)

### **Bioethanol originating in the US**

Opinions by Advocate General Mengozzi advising the Court of Justice to set aside the General Court's judgments of June 9, 2016, annulling Council Implementing Regulation 157/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case C-466/16 P *Council v. Marquis Energy*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of October 3, 2018; Case C-465/16 P *Council v. Growth Energy and Renewable Fuels Association*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of October 3, 2018)

### **Certain cold-rolled flat steel products originating in China and Russia**

Hearing in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1329 levying the definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case T-749/16 *Stemcor London and Samac Steel Supplies v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

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

Order by the President of the General Court partially rejecting an application for confidential treatment in the 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*, [order](#) of October 5, 2018)

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

The General Court annulled the Commission's decision of June 3, 2016, to take Hubei Xinyegang Steel out of the list of companies listed under TARIC additional code A 950 and to list it under TARIC additional code C 129, with respect to all the Combined Nomenclature codes referred to 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*, [judgment](#) of October 18, 2018)

### **Certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China or consigned from Malaysia**

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

(Case C-207/17 *Rotho Blaas*, [judgment](#) of October 18, 2018)

ii The Court of Justice dismissed the appeal against the General Court's order of January 25, 2017, dismissing as inadmissible the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/278 repealing the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China, as extended to imports of certain iron or steel fasteners consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not.

(Case C-145/17 P *Internacional de Productos Metálicos v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of October 18, 2018)

**Certain lightweight thermal paper originating in South Korea**

Order by the President of the General Court partially granting the applications for confidential treatment in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/763 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

(Case T-383/17 *Hansol Paper v. Commission*, [order](#) of October 16, 2018)

**Ferro-silicon originating in Russia**

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

ii The General Court dismissed the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 360/2014 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review.

(Case T-487/14 *CHEMK and KF v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of November 15, 2018)

**Tartaric acid originating in China**

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/921 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

(Case T-541/18 *Changmao Biochemical Engineering v. Commission*, [OJ 2018 C 408/57](#))

**OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS****Certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel, originating in Russia and Ukraine**

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1469 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

([OJ 2018 L 246/20](#); [Commission Daily News](#), October 3, 2018)

**Certain polyethylene terephthalate (PET) originating in India**

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1468 amending Council Implementing Regulation 461/2013 imposing a definitive countervailing duty.

([OJ 2018 L 246/3](#))

**Certain pneumatic tyres, new or retreaded, of rubber, of a kind used for buses or lorries, with a load index exceeding 121 originating in China**

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1579 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty and repealing Implementing Regulation 2018/163.

([OJ 2018 L 263/3](#))

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1690 imposing definitive countervailing duties and amending Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1579 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and repealing Implementing Regulation 2018/163.

([OJ 2018 L 283/1](#))

**Biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia**

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1570 terminating the proceedings and repealing Implementing Regulation 1194/2013.

([OJ 2018 L 262/40](#))

**Lever arch mechanisms originating in China**

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1684 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

([OJ 2018 L 279/17](#))

**Ammonium nitrate originating in Russia**

i Commission Implementing Decision 2018/1703 terminating the partial interim review.

([OJ 2018 L 285/97](#))

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1722 amending Implementing Regulation 999/2014 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation 2016/1036.

([OJ 2018 L 287/3](#))

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1711 amending Council Implementing Regulation 1371/2013

as regards the date of application of the exemptions granted to Indian exporting producers.

([OJ 2018 L 286/12](#))

#### **Stainless steel wires originating in India**

Notice of the expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

([OJ 2018 C 402/6](#))

#### **Citric acid originating in China**

i Notice regarding the change of name and address of a company that has offered an undertaking.

([OJ 2018 C 430/6](#))

ii Notice regarding the change of name and address of a company subject to an individual duty rate.

([OJ 2018 C 430/5](#))

#### **Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as spheroidal graphite cast iron) originating in India**

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

([OJ 2018 C 437/32](#))

#### **Ceramic tiles originating in China**

Notice concerning a name change of one company subject to the anti-dumping duty rate for cooperating non-sampled companies.

([OJ 2018 C 449/36](#))

#### **Peroxosulphates (persulphates) originating in China**

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

([OJ 2018 C 454/7](#))

#### **Biodiesel originating in Indonesia**

Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding.

([OJ 2018 C 439/16](#))

## **2. Generalized System of Preferences**

#### **Scheme of generalized tariff preferences**

i Commission report on the application of Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences and repealing Council Regulation 732/2008.

([COM 2018/665](#), October 4, 2018; [Commission staff working document](#), October 4, 2018)

ii The Council decided to conclude agreements between: (i) the EU and Norway; and (ii) the EU and Switzerland, on the cumulation of origin

between the EU, Switzerland, Norway, and Turkey in the framework of the GSP of the EU.

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

## **3. Sanctions**

### **EU COURTS**

#### **Congo**

Orders by the President of the General Court removing from the register a number of appeals against Regulation 2016/2230 implementing Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/2231 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to Congo, and amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP.

(Case T-145/17 *Kanyama v. Council*, [order](#) of December 7, 2018, available in French; Case T-144/17 *Numbi v. Council*, [order](#) of December 7, 2018, available in French; Case T-143/17 *Ilunga Luyoyo v. Council*, [order](#) of December 7, 2018, available in French; Case T-142/17 *Kaimbi v. Council*, [order](#) of December 7, 2018, available in French; Case T-141/17 *Amisi Kumba v. Council*, [order](#) of December 7, 2018, available in French; Case T-140/17 *Kampete v. Council*, [order](#) of December 7, 2018, available in French; Case T-139/17 *Kibelisa v. Council*, [order](#) of December 7, 2018, available in French)

#### **Egypt**

i The General Court upheld the Council's decision to freeze the assets of members of the Mubarak family, on the basis of judicial proceedings relating to misappropriation of Egyptian State funds.

(Cases T-274/16, T-275/16 *Saleh Thabet and Others v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 22, 2018; [Court Press Release](#), November 22, 2018)

ii The General Court upheld the Council's decisions of 2017 and 2018 to renew the restrictive measures taken against Mr. Mubarak, former President of Egypt, in light of ongoing judicial proceedings relating to the misappropriation of Egyptian State funds.

(Case T-358/17 *Mubarak v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 12, 2018; [Court Press Release](#), December 12, 2018)

#### **Iran**

i Appeal against the Council's decision of June 6, 2018, to maintain the applicant on the list of persons

and entities set out in Annex II to Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Annex IX to Regulation 267/2012.

(Case T-490/18 *Neda Industrial Group v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 399/38](#))

- ii The Court of Justice dismissed the appeal against the General Court's judgment of March 14, 2017, dismissing the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/556 amending Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/549 implementing Regulation 267/2012.  
(Case C-248/17 P *Bank Tejarat v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 29, 2018)
- iii The Court of Justice dismissed the appeal against the General Court's judgment of September 14, 2016, by which the Court dismissed the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/236 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP, and Council Implementing Regulation 2015/230 implementing Regulation 267/2012.  
(Case C-600/16 P *National Iranian Tanker Company v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 29, 2018)
- iv The General Court dismissed the action for damages for the harm allegedly suffered as a result of the Council's adoption and maintenance of certain restrictive measures, annulled by the General Court's judgment of September 6, 2013.  
(Case T-552/15 *Bank Refah Kargaran v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 10, 2018, available in French)
- v The General Court dismissed the actions for damages for the harm allegedly suffered by the applicants as a result of certain Council acts.  
(Case T-559/15 *Post Bank Iran v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 13, 2018; Case T-558/15 *Iran Insurance Company v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 13, 2018)

### Libya

Regulation 204/2011 - Prohibition of making funds available to persons listed in Annex III to the regulation - Clause relating to the non-satisfaction of requests - Payments derogating from the prohibition in Article 5(2) - Chain of contracts concluded for the purpose of

issuing a bank guarantee for the benefit of a registered entity listed in Annex III to the regulation.

(Case C-168/17 *SH v. TG*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of October 3, 2018, available in French)

### Syria

- i Order by the General Court dismissing the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/917 and its subsequent implementing acts.  
(Case T-506/17 *Makhlouf v. Council*, [order](#) of October 4, 2018, available in French)
- ii Appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2018/774 implementing Regulation 36/2012.  
(Case T-510/18 *Kaddour v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 373/19](#))
- iii Appeal against the General Court's judgment of June 19, 2018, dismissing the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2016/840 implementing Regulation 36/2012.  
(Case C-540/18 P *HX v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 408/41](#))
- iv The General Court dismissed the appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 and the subsequent measures implementing it.  
(Case T-416/16 *Othman v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 12, 2018, available in French; Case T-411/16 *Syriatel Mobile Telecom v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 12, 2018, available in French; Case T-409/16 *Makhlouf v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 12, 2018, available in French)

### Tunisia

The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/153 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP.

(Case T-216/17 *Mabrouk v. Council*, [judgment](#) of November 15, 2018)

### Ukraine

- i Order by the President of the General Court dismissing the application for interim measures in the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/333 amending Decision 2014/ 119/CFSP, and

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

(Case T-305/18 R *Klyuyev v. Council*, [order](#) of November 28, 2018)

- ii The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Decision 2017/381 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/374 implementing Regulation 208/2014.

(Case T-247/17 *Azarov v. Council*, [judgment](#) of December 13, 2018, available in French)

- iii The Court of Justice set aside 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*, [judgment](#) of December 19, 2018)

#### Venezuela

Appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/901 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 and Council Implementing Regulation 2018/899 implementing Regulation 2017/2063.

(Case T-550/18 *Harrington Padrón v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 427/86](#); Case T-551/18 *Oblitas Ruzza v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 427/86](#); Case T-552/18 *Moreno Reyes v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 427/87](#); Case T-553/18 *Rodríguez Gómez v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 427/88](#); Case T-554/18 *Hernández Hernández v. Council*, [OJ 2018 C 427/89](#))

### OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

#### Chemical weapons

- i The Council adopted a new regime of restrictive measures to address the use and proliferation of chemical weapons.

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

- ii Council Regulation 2018/1542 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons.

([OJ 2018 L 259/12](#))

- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons.

([OJ 2018 L 259/25](#))

#### Burundi

- i The Council renewed the EU restrictive measures against Burundi until October 31, 2019.

([Council Press Release](#), October 25, 2018)

- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1605 implementing Regulation 2015/1755.

([OJ 2018 L 268/18](#))

- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1612 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763.

([OJ 2018 L 268/49](#))

- iv 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) 2018/1612 and Council Regulation 2015/1755, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1605.

([OJ 2018 C 388/4](#))

- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2015/1755 apply.

([OJ 2018 C 388/5](#))

#### Congo

- i The Council extended the restrictive measures for one year.

([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)

- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1940 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP.

([OJ 2018 L 314/47](#))

- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1931 implementing Article 9 of Regulation 1183/2005.

([OJ 2018 L 314/1](#))

- iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 1183/2005 apply.

([OJ 2018 C 446/1](#))

#### Egypt

Notice for the attention of the persons to whom restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP and in Council Regulation 270/2011 apply.

([OJ 2018 C 456/25](#))

#### Eritrea

- i The Council decided to repeal the EU restrictive measures.

([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)



ii Council Regulation 2018/1932 repealing Regulation 667/2010.

[\(OJ 2018 L 314/8\)](#)

iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1944 repealing Decision 2010/127/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2018 L 314/60\)](#)

#### Guinea

i Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1604 implementing Regulation 1284/2009 imposing certain specific restrictive measures in respect of Guinea.

[\(OJ 2018 L 268/16\)](#)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1611 amending Decision 2010/638/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2018 L 268/47\)](#)

iii Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1611, and in Council Regulation 1284/2009 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1604.

[\(OJ 2018 C 388/6\)](#)

iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 1284/2009, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1604, apply.

[\(OJ 2018 C 388/7\)](#)

#### Iraq

Commission Implementing Regulations 2018/1476, 2018/1661, 2018/1483, and 2018/1781 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq.

[\(OJ 2018 L 249/1\)](#); [OJ 2018 L 251/22](#); [OJ 2018 L 278/16](#); [OJ 2018 L 292/2](#)

#### Libya

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

[\(Council Press Release, September 28, 2018\)](#)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1465 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

[\(OJ 2018 L 245/16\)](#)

iii Notice for the attention of certain persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council

Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1465.

[\(OJ 2018 C 351/2\)](#)

iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2016/44 apply.

[\(OJ 2018 C 351/3\)](#)

v Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1868 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

[\(OJ 2018 L 304/32\)](#)

vi Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1863 implementing Article 21(1) of Regulation 2016/44.

[\(OJ 2018 L 304/1\)](#)

vii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2016/44 apply.

[\(OJ 2018 C 430/3\)](#)

viii Notice for the attention of the person subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 and in Council Regulation 2016/44.

[\(OJ 2018 C 430/2\)](#)

ix The Council amended the EU restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya.

[\(Council Press Release, December 17–18, 2018\)](#)

x Council Regulation 2018/2004 amending Regulation 2016/44.

[\(OJ 2018 L 322/12\)](#)

xi Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2012 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

[\(OJ 2018 L 322/51\)](#)

#### Moldova

Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1610 amending Decision 2010/573/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of Moldova.

[\(OJ 2018 L 268/46\)](#)

#### Myanmar/Burma

i The Council adopted conclusions on the situation in Myanmar/Burma.

[\(Council Press Release, December 10, 2018\)](#)

ii The Council added seven individuals to the list of those subject to restrictive measures.

[\(Council Press Release, December 21, 2018\)](#)

iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2054 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2018 L 327 I/5\)](#)

- iv Council Implementing Regulation 2018/2053 implementing Regulation 401/2013.  
([OJ 2018 L 327 I/1](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2054, and in Council Regulation 401/2013, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/2053.  
([OJ 2018 C 464/2](#))
- vi Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP and Council Regulation 401/2013 apply.  
([OJ 2018 C 464/3](#))

#### North Korea

- i Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1606 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.  
([OJ 2018 L 268/20](#))
- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1613 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.  
([OJ 2018 L 268/51](#))
- iii The Council aligned its restrictive measures with the sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council (UNSC) Committee established by UNSC resolution 1718 (2006).  
([Council Press Release](#), November 6, 2018)
- iv Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1657 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.  
([OJ 2018 L 276/12](#))
- v Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1654 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.  
([OJ 2018 L 276/3](#))

#### Somalia

- i The Council amended its decision and regulation concerning restrictive measures against Somalia.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)
- ii Council Regulation 2018/1933 amending Regulation 356/2010.  
([OJ 2018 L 314/9](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1945 amending Decision 2010/231/CFSP.  
([OJ 2018 L 314/61](#))

#### South Sudan

- i Joint proposed Council regulation amending Council Regulation 2015/735 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan.  
([JOIN 2018/22/2](#), October 26, 2018)
- ii The Council amended its decision and its regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1934 implementing Article 20(3) of Regulation 2015/735.  
([OJ 2018 L 314/11](#))
- iv Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1946 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/740.  
([OJ 2018 L 314/62](#))

#### 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 2018 C 437/2](#))
- ii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 101/2011 apply.  
([OJ 2018 C 437/3](#))

#### Ukraine/Russia

- i Notice for the attention of a person subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP and in Council Regulation 208/2014.  
([OJ 2018 C 435/2](#))
- ii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 208/2014 apply.  
([OJ 2018 C 435/3](#))
- iii The Council added nine persons to the list of those subject to restrictive measures over actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)
- iv Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1929 implementing Regulation 269/2014.  
([OJ 2018 L 313 I/1](#))
- v Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1930 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.  
([OJ 2018 L 313 I/5](#))

- vi Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1930, and in Council Regulation 269/2014 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1929.  
([OJ 2018 C 446/2](#))
- vii 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.  
([OJ 2018 C 456/24](#))
- viii The Council prolonged the economic sanctions targeting specific sectors of the Russian economy until July 31, 2019.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 21, 2018)
- ix Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2078 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP.  
([OJ 2018 L 331/224](#))

#### Venezuela

- i The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in Venezuela.  
([Resolution](#), October 25, 2018)
- ii The Council decided to renew the targeted restrictive measures for one year.  
([Council Press Release](#), November 6, 2018)
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1653 implementing Regulation 2017/2063.  
([OJ 2018 L 276/1](#))
- iv Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1656 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074.  
([OJ 2018 L 276/10](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1656, and in Regulation 2017/2063, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1653.  
([OJ 2018 C 401/2](#))
- vi Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Regulation 2017/2063 apply.  
([OJ 2018 C 401/3](#))

## 4. Other Measures

### Foreign Direct Investments (FDI)

- i The Presidency reached a provisional agreement with European Parliament representatives on an EU framework for screening FDI.  
([Council Press Release](#), November 20, 2018; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6467, November 20, 2018; [Commission Daily News](#), November 21, 2018; [EP Press Release](#), November 20, 2018)
- ii The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade voted in favor of an agreement on an EU-level tool to screen FDI on grounds of security, to protect strategic sectors.  
([EP Press Release](#), December 11, 2018; [Provisional agreement](#) resulting from interinstitutional negotiations, December 6, 2018)

### Safeguards

- i The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade adopted a report on the proposed regulation on implementing the safeguard clauses and other mechanisms allowing for the temporary withdrawal of preferences in certain agreements concluded between the EU and certain third countries.  
([EP Press Release](#), October 11, 2018)
- ii The Presidency reached a provisional agreement with European Parliament representatives on a proposal to streamline the inclusion of safeguard measures in trade agreements.  
([Council Press Release](#), November 28, 2018; [EP Press Release](#), November 28, 2018; [Commission Daily News](#), November 29, 2018)
- iii The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade voted in favor of a political agreement to protect EU industry against sudden surges of imports in the wake of trade agreements.  
([EP Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)

### Arms exports

- i The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs voted in favor of the resolution on arms export control.  
([EP Press Release](#), October 9, 2018)
- ii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the implementation of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP.  
([Report](#), October 16, 2018)

- iii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on arms exports.  
([EP Press Release](#), November 14, 2018; [Resolution](#), November 14, 2018)

#### **Bilateral safeguard measures in trade agreements**

EU ambassadors meeting in the Permanent Representatives Committee (COREPER) agreed on the Council's position on measures to streamline the inclusion of safeguard measures in trade agreements with a view to guaranteeing their effective and consistent application.

([Council Press Release](#), October 24, 2018)

#### **Brexit**

EU ambassadors agreed on the draft schedule of tariff rate quotas (TRQs) that the EU will apply after Brexit.

([Council Press Release](#), October 31, 2018)

#### **Free trade agreements**

The Commission published the second annual report on the implementation of trade agreements in 2017.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6267, October 31, 2018; [Factsheet](#); Commission report: [COM 2018/728](#), October 31, 2018; [Commission staff working document](#), October 31, 2018)

#### **Dual-use items**

- i Commission delegated regulation amending Council Regulation 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, and transit of dual-use items.  
([Draft act](#), October 10, 2018)
- ii Commission Delegated Regulation 2018/1922 amending Council Regulation 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, and transit of dual-use items.  
([OJ 2018 L 319/1](#))
- iii Proposed regulation amending Council Regulation 428/2009 by granting a Union General Export Authorization for the export of certain dual-use items from the Union to the UK.  
([COM 2018/891](#), December 19, 2018; [Feedback page](#))

#### **Trade defense**

Fifteenth annual Commission report providing an overview of third country trade defense actions against the EU for the year 2017.

([COM 2018/701](#), October 18, 2018; [Commission staff working document](#), October 18, 2018)

#### **Harnessing globalization**

- i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on harnessing the trade aspects of globalization.  
([Report](#), October 12, 2018)
- ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution harnessing the trade aspects of globalization.  
([Resolution](#), October 25, 2018)

#### **Cultural goods**

- i The European Parliament adopted amendments on the proposed regulation on the import of cultural goods.  
([Amendments](#), October 25, 2018)
- ii EU ambassadors agreed on the Council's position on a draft regulation that will prevent the import and storage in the EU of cultural goods illegally exported from a non-EU country.  
([Council Press Release](#), November 7, 2018)
- iii EU ambassadors endorsed a provisional agreement with the European Parliament on a draft regulation that will prevent the import and storage in the EU of cultural goods illegally exported from a non-EU country.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 19, 2018)

#### **Export credits**

The Council adopted two decisions setting out positions to be taken on behalf of the EU in the meeting of the participants to the arrangement on officially supported export credits.

([Council Press Release](#), November 6, 2018)

#### **Steel products**

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1712 amending Implementing Regulation 2018/1013 imposing provisional safeguard measures with regard to imports of certain steel products.  
([OJ 2018 L 286/17](#))
- ii Notice extending the duration of the safeguard investigation concerning imports of certain steel products.  
([OJ 2018 C 457/14](#))

#### **Weapons of mass destruction (WMD)**

- i The Council extended the implementation period of its decision on the provision of satellite imagery in support of the Organization for the Prohibition of

Chemical Weapons (OPCW) missions in Syria for twelve months.

([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)

- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1943 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2303 in support of the continued implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2118 (2013) and OPCW Executive Council decision EC-M-33/DEC.1 on the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons, in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against proliferation of WMD.

([OJ 2018 L 314/58](#))

#### Control of acquisition and possession of weapons

- i Commission implementing directive establishing technical specifications for the marking of firearms and their essential components under Council Directive 91/477.

([Draft act](#), October 25, 2018; [Annex](#), October 25, 2018; [Feedback page](#))

- ii Commission implementing directive laying down technical specifications for alarm and signal weapons under Council Directive 91/477.

([Draft act](#), October 25, 2018; [Annex](#), October 25, 2018; [Feedback page](#))

#### Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)

- i The Council adopted a new EU strategy against illicit firearms, SALW and their ammunition.

([Council Press Release](#), November 19, 2018; [Council conclusions](#), November 19, 2018)

- ii The Council adopted a decision in support of the South-Eastern and Eastern Europe clearinghouse for the control of small arms and light weapons for the implementation of the regional roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans.

([Council Press Release](#), November 19, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 293/11](#))

- iii The Council adopted a decision to promote capacity-building in the member states of the League of Arab States for implementing the UN

program of action against the illicit trade in and proliferation of SALW.

([Council Press Release](#), November 19, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 293/24](#))

- iv The Council adopted a decision in support of gender mainstreamed policies, programs, and actions in the fight against small arms trafficking and misuse.

([Council Press Release](#), December 17–18, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 322/38](#))

- v The Council adopted a decision in support of countering illicit proliferation and trafficking of SALW and ammunition and their impact in Latin America and the Caribbean.

([Council Press Release](#), December 17–18, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 322/27](#))

#### Firearms

- i The Council adopted the EU statement on the roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) in the Western Balkans by 2024.

([Council Press Release](#), November 30, 2018)

- ii The Commission published the feedback received to the draft Commission implementing directive laying down technical specifications for alarm and signal weapons under Council Directive 91/477.

([Feedback page](#))

- iii The Commission published the feedback received to the draft Commission implementing directive establishing technical specifications for the marking of firearms and their essential components under Council Directive 91/477.

([Feedback page](#))

#### Military technology and equipment

- i Revised nineteenth annual report according to Article 8(2) of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing the control of exports of military technology and equipment.

([OJ 2018 C 397/1](#))

- ii Twentieth annual report according to Article 8(2) of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing the control of exports of military technology and equipment.

([OJ 2018 C 453/1](#))

#### Defense-related products

- i Commission Recommendation 2018/2052 on aligning the scope of and conditions for general transfer licenses for the purpose of exhibition as referred to in point (c) of Article 5(2) of Directive 2009/43.

([OJ 2018 L 327/98](#))

ii Commission Recommendation 2018/2051 on aligning the scope of and conditions for general transfer licenses for the purposes of repair and maintenance as referred to in point (d) of Article 5(2) of Directive 2009/43.

([OJ 2018 L 327/94](#))

iii Commission Recommendation 2018/2050 on aligning the scope of and conditions for general transfer licenses for the purposes of demonstration and evaluation as referred to in point (c) of Article 5(2) of Directive 2009/43.

([OJ 2018 L 327/89](#))

#### Torture products

i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs on the proposed regulation concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

([Report](#), November 23, 2018)

ii European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposed regulation concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

([Resolution](#), November 29, 2018)

iii Regulation concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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

## III. EC Customs Policy

### EU COURTS

#### Customs Code

i Rights and obligations of persons with regard to customs legislation - Status of authorized economic operator - Questionnaire - Protection of personal data - Tax identification number - Tax office responsible for the liquidation of tax on income - Processing of data necessary to comply with a legal obligation - Principle of limitation of the purpose of the processing of personal data. (Case C-496/17 *Deutsche Post*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of October 17, 2018, available in French)

ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Belgian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether Article 79 of Regulation 952/2013 precludes national legislation, in the case of the unlawful importation into the customs territory of the EU of goods subject to import duties, from making the person civilly liable for the person who has committed that offence, in which the person civilly liable did not participate, jointly and severally liable for the customs debt.

(Case C-579/18 *Ministère public and Others*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2018 C 427/17](#))

#### Customs duties on exports

The Court of Justice held that Member States may not impose a charge on the export of electricity generated in their own territory.

(Case C-305/17 *FENS*, [judgment](#) of December 6, 2018, available in French; [Court Press Release](#), December 6, 2018)

#### Customs union

Appeal against the General Court's order of July 2, 2018, in which the Court: (i) dismissed the appeal against the Commission's conclusion, in its 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; and (ii) stated there is no need to adjudicate on the application to intervene by Euro-Mit Staal.

(Case C-572/18 P *thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel and thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel Ugo v. Commission*, [OJ 2018 C 436/25](#))

#### Combined Nomenclature

i Tariff classification - Headings and subheadings 4421, 7326, 7318 15 90, 7318 19 00 and 9403 90 10 - Article specially designed to mount child safety gates - Dumping - Validity of Regulation 91/2009 - Imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China - World Trade Organization (WTO) Anti-Dumping Agreement - Regulation 384/96 - Definition of Community industry. (Case C-592/17 *Baby Dan*, [judgment](#) of November 15, 2018)

ii Order of the President of the Court of Justice removing from the register a 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*, [order](#) of October 16, 2018, available in French)

- iii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature set out in Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87, as amended by Implementing Regulation 1218/2012 amending Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87. (Case C-559/18 *TDK-Lambda Germany*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2018 C 436/23](#))

## **OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS**

### **Conventions on common transit procedure and on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods**

- i The Council adopted a decision establishing the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Joint Committees set up by the 1987 Conventions in connection with the envisaged adoption by each of the Joint Committees of a decision as regards the invitation to the UK to accede to the Conventions. ([Council Press Release](#), October 2, 2018)
- ii The Council adopted a decision establishing the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the EU/CTC Joint Committee on common transit in connection with the envisaged adoption by the Joint Committee of a decision amending a number of annexes in Appendix III to the 1987 Convention. ([Council Press Release](#), October 2, 2018)

### **EU single window environment**

The Commission started a consultation on the EU single window environment for customs.

([Consultation page](#))

### **Customs Code**

- i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection on the 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. ([Report](#), October 19, 2018)

- ii Presidency compromise text on the draft proposed regulation amending Regulation 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code.

([Presidency compromise text](#), November 9, 2018)

- iii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection on the proposed regulation amending Regulation 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code. ([Report](#), November 13, 2018)

### **Autonomous tariff quotas**

- 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 2018/746](#), November 15, 2018; [Annex](#), November 15, 2018)
- ii Commission communication regarding the automatic increase of an autonomous tariff quota under Council Regulation 2015/2265. ([OJ 2018 C 439/1](#))
- iii The Council adopted the proposed regulation updating Regulation 1388/2013, which opens and provides for the management of autonomous EU tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products so that EU demand for the products in question can be met under the most favorable conditions. ([Council Press Release](#), December 20, 2018)
- iv Council Regulation 2018/2069 amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products. ([OJ 2018 L 331/4](#))
- v Council Regulation 2018/2070 amending Regulation 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products. ([OJ 2018 L 331/197](#))

### **'Customs' program for cooperation in the field of customs**

Presidency compromise text on the proposed regulation establishing the 'Customs' program for cooperation in the field of customs.

([Presidency compromise text](#), December 17, 2018; [General Secretariat note](#), December 16, 2018)

**Combined Nomenclature**

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1489, 2018/1530, 2018/1531, 2018/1785, 2018/2041, and 2018/1864 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.  
([OJ 2018 L 252/35](#); [OJ 2018 L 257/4](#); [OJ 2018 L 257/7](#); [OJ 2018 L 293/5](#); [OJ 2018 L 304/3](#); [OJ 2018 L 327/50](#))
- ii Explanatory notes to the EU's Combined Nomenclature.  
([OJ 2018 C 362/5](#); [OJ 2018 C 372/2](#); [OJ 2018 C 466/12](#))

**Suspension of duties on goods for aircrafts**

Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1517 laying down detailed rules implementing certain provisions of Council Regulation 2018/581 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain goods of a kind to be incorporated in or used for aircraft.  
([OJ 2018 L 256/58](#))

**Common Customs Tariff**

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1602 amending Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff.  
([OJ 2018 L 273/1](#))
- ii Proposed Council regulation amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products.  
([COM 2018/791](#), December 6, 2018; [Annex](#), December 6, 2018)
- iii The Council adopted a regulation which updates the list of products benefiting from a suspension of common customs tariff duties, as well as the conditions under which such suspension is granted.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 20, 2018)
- iv Council regulation amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products.  
([Text](#) of regulation, December 18, 2018)

## IV. EU External Relations

### 1. Enlargement

**Western Balkans**

- i The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted resolutions marking the progress made in five Western Balkan countries on their path towards possible EU accession.  
([EP Press Release](#), October 9, 2018)
- ii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the 2018 Commission report on Macedonia.  
([Report](#), October 18, 2018)
- iii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the 2018 Commission report on Montenegro.  
([Report](#), October 17, 2018)
- iv The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the 2018 Commission report on Albania.  
([EP Press Release](#), November 29, 2018; [Resolution](#), November 29, 2018)
- v The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the 2018 Commission report on Montenegro.  
([EP Press Release](#), November 29, 2018; [Resolution](#), November 29, 2018)
- vi The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the 2018 Commission report on Macedonia.  
([EP Press Release](#), November 29, 2018; [Resolution](#), November 29, 2018)
- vii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the 2018 Commission report on Serbia.  
([EP Press Release](#), November 29, 2018; [Resolution](#), November 29, 2018)
- viii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the 2018 Commission report on Kosovo.  
([EP Press Release](#), November 29, 2018; [Resolution](#), November 29, 2018)
- ix The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs voted on the 2018 Commission report on Bosnia and Herzegovina.  
([EP Press Release](#), December 6, 2018)
- x The Council established the EU common position for the fifth meeting of the EU/Serbia Stabilization and Association Council.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)



xi The Council established the EU common position for the third meeting of the EU/Kosovo Stabilization and Association Council.

([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)

### **EU support to local authorities in enlargement and neighborhood regions (2010–2018)**

The Commission published an evaluation roadmap with respect to EU support to local authorities in enlargement and neighborhood regions during the period 2010–2018.

([Evaluation roadmap](#), October 4, 2018; [Feedback page](#))

### **EU cooperation with Serbia over the period 2012–2018**

The Commission published an evaluation roadmap with respect to the EU's cooperation with Serbia over the period 2012–2018.

([Evaluation roadmap](#), October 11, 2018; [Feedback page](#))

## **2. Multi- or Plurilateral**

### **EU relations with non-EU Western European countries**

The Council adopted conclusions on a homogeneous extended internal market and EU relations with non-EU Western European countries.

([Council Press Release](#), December 11, 2018)

### **AMERICAS**

#### **EU/Mercosur**

The Commission published a report of the latest round of negotiations on the trade part of the EU/Mercosur association agreement.

([Commission Daily News](#), December 7, 2018; [Report](#), December 7, 2018)

#### **EU/Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru**

Commission Decision 2018/1733 approving, on behalf of the EU, the modification of Appendix 1 to Annex XIII to the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.

([OJ 2018 L 288/15](#))

### **AFRICA**

#### **EU/SADC EPA States**

i Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Joint Council

established under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA States, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the Joint Council and for the Trade and Development Committee.

([COM 2018/724](#), November 5, 2018; [Annex](#), November 5, 2018)

ii Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Joint Council established under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and SADC EPA States, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for Dispute Avoidance and Settlement and the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators and Mediators.

([COM 2018/729](#), November 5, 2018; [Annex](#), November 5, 2018)

iii Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Trade and Development Committee established under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA States, as regards the adoption of the Roster of Arbitrators.

([COM 2018/730](#), November 5, 2018; [Annex](#), November 5, 2018)

## **3. Bilateral**

### **AFRICA**

#### **EU/South Africa**

Joint statement of the seventh EU/South Africa summit.

([Council Press Release](#), November 15, 2018; [Remarks](#) by President Tusk, November 15, 2018)

#### **EU/Morocco**

i Recommendation 1/2018 of the EU/Morocco Association Council approving the extension by one year of the EU/Morocco action plan implementing the advanced status (2013-2017).

([OJ 2018 L 292/7](#))

ii Council Decision 2018/1893 regarding the signature, on behalf of the EU, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the EU and Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Morocco.

([OJ 2018 L 310/1](#))

iii The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade voted in favor of a proposal to

lower tariffs in the territory of Western Sahara to the same level as Morocco.

([EP Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)

- iv Council Decision 2018/1938 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Morocco, with regard to the adoption of a recommendation approving the extension of the EU/Morocco Action Plan implementing the advanced status (2013-2017).

([OJ 2018 L 314/38](#))

#### **EU/Tunisia**

- i Decision 1/2018 of the EU/Tunisia Association Council adopting the EU/Tunisia strategic priorities for the period 2018–2020.

([OJ 2018 L 293/39](#))

- ii Council Decision 2018/1925 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 Tunisia, with regard to the adoption of the EU/Tunisia strategic priorities for the period 2018–2020.

([OJ 2018 L 313/5](#))

#### **EU/Egypt**

- i The Commission published a report on the partnership between the EU and Egypt for the period from June 2017 to May 2018.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6664, December 10, 2018; [Joint staff working document](#), December 5, 2018)

- ii The Council approved the EU position in view of the eight meeting of the Association Council with Egypt.

([Council Press Release](#), December 19, 2018)

### **AMERICAS**

#### **EU/Canada**

- i The Council adopted a decision setting out the EU's position as regards the establishment of lists of individuals willing to serve as panelists in the framework of the CETA committee on trade and sustainable development.

([Council Press Release](#), September 28, 2018)

- ii Council Decision 2018/1464 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU in the CETA

Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development, established by the EU/Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), as regards the establishment of lists of individuals willing to serve as panelists under Chapters 23 and 24 of the Agreement.

([OJ 2018 L 245/12](#))

#### **EU/Chile**

Sustainability impact assessment in support of the negotiations for the modernization of the trade part of the Association Agreement with Chile.

([Draft interim report](#), October 2018; [Executive summary](#), October 2018)

### **ASIA**

#### **EU/Singapore**

- i Council decisions on: (i) the signing, on behalf of the EU; and (ii) the conclusion of the free trade agreement between the EU and Singapore.

((i) [Text](#) of decision, October 2, 2018; (ii) [Text](#) of decision, October 2, 2018)

- ii The Council adopted decisions on the signature of the trade and investment agreements between the EU and Singapore.

([Council Press Release](#), October 15, 2018; [Commission Press Release](#), October 15, 2018)

- iii The EU and Singapore signed three agreements, taking their political, trade, and investment relations to a new level.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6139, October 19, 2018)

- iv Council Decision 2018/1599 on the signing, on behalf of the EU, of the EU/Singapore free trade agreement.

([OJ 2018 L 267/1](#))

- v Council Decision 2018/1676 on the signing, on behalf of the EU, of the Investment Protection Agreement between the EU and Singapore.

([OJ 2018 L 279/1](#))

- vi Proposed Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and Singapore.

([COM 2018/784](#), December 4, 2018)

**EU/Japan**

- i The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade gave its recommendation to approve the EU's trade agreement with Japan. ([EP Press Release](#), November 5, 2018)
- ii The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs endorsed the new strategic partnership agreement between the EU and Japan. ([EP Press Release](#), November 21, 2018)
- iii 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 EU, of the EU/Japan strategic partnership agreement. ([Report](#), November 23, 2018)
- iv The European Parliament gave its consent to the EU's economic partnership agreement and strategic partnership agreement with Japan. ([EP Press Release](#), December 12, 2018; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6749, December 12, 2018; [Factsheet](#), December 12, 2018; [Resolution](#), December 12, 2018; [Resolution](#), December 12, 2018; [Resolution](#), December 12, 2018; [Resolution](#), December 12, 2018)
- v The Council adopted a decision to conclude the EU/Japan economic partnership agreement. ([Council Press Release](#), December 20, 2018)
- vi Council Decision 2018/1907 on the conclusion of the agreement between the EU and Japan for an economic partnership. ([OJ 2018 L 330/1](#); Agreement: [OJ 2018 L 330/3](#))

**EU/Vietnam**

- i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Joint Committee established by the EU/Vietnam framework agreement on comprehensive partnership and cooperation, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, and the establishment of subcommittees and specialized working groups and the adoption of their terms of reference. ([Text](#) of decision, October 5, 2018; [General Secretariat note](#), October 5, 2018)
- ii The Council adopted new rules of procedures for the Joint Committee established by the EU/Vietnam framework agreement on comprehensive partnership and cooperation. ([Council Press Release](#), October 15, 2018)

- iii The Commission adopted the EU/Vietnam trade and investment agreements. ([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6127, October 17, 2018; [Commission Press Release](#), October 17, 2018; [Commission Press Release](#), October 19, 2018)
- iv Proposed Council decisions on: (i) the conclusion; and (ii) the signing, on behalf of the EU, of the EU/Vietnam free trade agreement. ((i) [COM 2018/691](#), October 17, 2018; (ii) [COM 2018/692](#), October 17, 2018)
- v Proposed Council decisions on: (i) the conclusion; and (ii) the signing, on behalf of the EU, of the EU/Vietnam investment protection agreement. ((i) [COM 2018/693](#), October 17, 2018; (ii) [COM 2018/694](#), October 17, 2018)
- vi Council Decision 2018/1582 on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Joint Committee established by the EU/Vietnam framework agreement on comprehensive partnership and cooperation, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, and the establishment of subcommittees and specialized working groups and the adoption of their terms of reference. ([OJ 2018 L 263/61](#))

**EU/India**

- i The Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy adopted a joint communication that sets out the EU's vision for a strategy to strengthen cooperation and the partnership with India. ([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6481, November 20, 2018; [Questions and answers](#), November 20, 2018; Joint communication: [JOIN 2018/28](#), November 20, 2018)
- ii The Council adopted conclusions on an EU strategy on India. ([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018; [Council conclusions](#), December 10, 2018)

**EU/Indonesia**

- i The EU and Indonesia completed the sixth round of negotiations for a trade agreement. ([Commission Press Release](#), October 22, 2018)
- ii The Commission published two reports summarizing the progress made during the latest

negotiating rounds for the EU/Indonesia and EU/New Zealand trade agreements.

([Commission Press Release](#), November 5, 2018; [Report](#); [Report](#))

### **EU/South Korea**

The EU requested formal consultations with the government of South Korea regarding the implementation of the sustainable development commitments under the EU/South Korea trade agreement.

([Commission Press Release](#), December 17, 2018)

### **EU/Kyrgyzstan**

The Council approved the position of the EU in view of the sixteenth meeting of the EU/Kyrgyz Republic cooperation council.

([Council Press Release](#), November 30, 2018)

### **EU/Malaysia**

Sustainability impact assessment in support the free trade agreement negotiations between the EU and Malaysia.

([Draft interim report](#), December 14, 2018)

### **EU/Philippines**

Sustainability impact assessment in support of the free trade agreement negotiations between the EU and the Philippines.

([Draft interim report](#), December 14, 2018)

## **EUROPE**

### **EU/Ukraine**

i The Council amended the EU/Ukraine association agreement regarding the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation to take account of the regional convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

([Council Press Release](#), September 28, 2018)

ii Council Decision 2018/1486 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the EU/Ukraine 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 which refers to the Regional

Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

([OJ 2018 L 251/28](#))

iii Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Committee in Trade configuration established by the EU/Ukraine association agreement.

([COM 2018/672](#), October 10, 2018; [Annex](#), October 10, 2018)

iv The EU published the association implementation report which monitors the implementation of the commitments under the EU/Ukraine association agreement over the past year.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6322, November 9, 2018; [Joint staff working document](#), November 7, 2018)

v Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Committee in Trade configuration established by the EU/Ukraine association agreement.

([Text](#) of decision, November 13, 2018)

vi The Council adopted the EU position to be taken within the EU/Ukraine association committee in trade configuration.

([Council Press Release](#), November 19, 2018; [OJ 2018 L 298/11](#))

vii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the implementation of the EU association agreement with Ukraine.

([Report](#), November 16, 2018)

viii The Council approved the position of the EU, in view of the fifth meeting of the Association Council with Ukraine.

([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)

ix The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the implementation of the EU association agreement with Ukraine.

([EP Press Release](#), December 12, 2018; [Resolution](#), December 12, 2018)

### **EU/Albania**

The Council adopted the common position of the EU for the tenth meeting of the EU/Albania Stabilization and Association Council under the Stabilization and Association Agreement.

([Council Press Release](#), November 6, 2018)

**EU/Azerbaijan**

- i The Council endorsed the EU/Azerbaijan partnership priorities for the period 2018–2020. ([Council Press Release](#), September 28, 2018; [Text of draft recommendation](#), September 28, 2018)
- ii Council Decision 2018/1552 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 Azerbaijan, with regard to the adoption of the EU/Azerbaijan partnership priorities. ([OJ 2018 L 260/20](#))
- iii Recommendation 1/2018 of the EU/Azerbaijan Cooperation Council on the EU/Azerbaijan partnership priorities. ([OJ 2018 L 265/18](#))

**EU/Moldova and Georgia**

- i The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs approved the resolutions on the implementation of the EU association agreements with Moldova and Georgia. ([EP Press Release](#), October 9, 2018)
- ii The European Parliament adopted resolutions on the implementation of the EU/Georgia and EU/Moldova Association Agreements. ([EP Press Release](#), November 14, 2018; [Resolution](#), November 14, 2018; [Resolution](#), November 14, 2018)
- iii Decision 1/2018 of the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee amending Annexes XXX-C and XXX-D to the association agreement between the EU and Moldova. ([OJ 2018 L 318/51](#))

**EU/Armenia**

Joint proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU in the Partnership Council established by the EU/Armenia comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement, as regards the adoption of decisions on the rules of procedure of the

Partnership Council, the Partnership Committee and those of specialized subcommittees or any other body. ([JOIN 2018/29](#), November 29, 2018; [Annexes](#) 1–2, November 29, 2018)

**MIDDLE EAST****EU/Israel**

- i Joint proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the EU and the State of Israel concerning the extension of the EU/Israel action plan. ([JOIN 2018/27](#), November 13, 2018; [Annex](#), November 13, 2018)
- ii The Council adopted the position to be taken, on behalf of the EU, within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Israel, concerning the extension of the EU/Israel action plan. ([Council Press Release](#), December 20, 2018; [Text of decision](#), December 18, 2018)

**EU/Palestine**

- i Joint proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Joint Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on Trade and Cooperation between the EU and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority (PA) of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, concerning the extension of the EU/PA action plan. ([JOIN 2018/26](#), November 13, 2018; [Annex](#), November 13, 2018)
- ii The Council adopted the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Joint Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on Trade and Cooperation between the EU and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority (PA) of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, concerning the extension of the EU/PA action plan. ([Council Press Release](#), December 20, 2018; [Text of decision](#), December 18, 2018)

**EU/Lebanon**

The Commission published a report on EU/Lebanon relations in the framework of the revised ENP (2017–2018).

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6527, November 29,

2018; [Joint staff working document](#), November 29, 2018)

#### **EU/Jordan**

- i The Commission published a report on EU/Jordan relations in the framework of the revised ENP (2017–2018).  
([Commission Press Release](#) IP/18/6526, November 29, 2018; [Joint staff working document](#), November 29, 2018)
- ii Joint proposed Council decision 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 Jordan, as regards the two-year extension of EU/Jordan partnership priorities.  
([JOIN 2018/35](#), November 28, 2018; [Annex](#), November 28, 2018)
- iii The Council adopted a decision establishing the position of the EU within the EU/Jordan association committee with regards to an amendment to the Euro-Mediterranean agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 4, 2018)
- iv The Council adopted 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 Jordan.  
([Council Press Release](#), December 10, 2018)
- v The EU and Jordan adopted a decision to extend and widen the trade scheme that makes it easier for Jordanian companies employing Syrian refugees to export to the EU.  
([Commission Press Release](#), December 13, 2018)
- vi Decision of the EU/Jordan Association Council agreeing on a two-year extension of the EU/Jordan partnership priorities.  
([Text](#) of decision, December 20, 2018)

#### **OCEANIA**

##### **EU/New Zealand**

- i The EU completed the second round of negotiations with New Zealand for a trade agreement.  
([Commission Press Release](#), October 15, 2018)
- ii The Commission published two reports summarizing the progress made during the latest

negotiating rounds for the EU/Indonesia and EU/New Zealand trade agreements.

([Commission Press Release](#), November 5, 2018; [Report](#); [Report](#))

- iii The Commission published six proposals for the negotiations between the EU and New Zealand for a free trade agreement.  
([Commission Daily News](#), December 13, 2018; [Proposal](#), October 1, 2018; [Proposal](#), September 25, 2018; [Proposal](#), September 25, 2018; [Proposal](#), September 18, 2018; [Proposal](#), September 17, 2018; [Proposal](#), August 10, 2018)

##### **EU/Australia**

- i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee established by the EU/Australia Framework Agreement, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of its sub-committees and working groups.  
([Text](#) of decision, October 30, 2018)
- ii The Council adopted a common EU position regarding the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee established by the EU/Australia framework agreement, as well as the terms of reference of its sub-committees and working groups.  
([Council Press Release](#), November 6, 2018)
- iii Council Decision 2018/1714 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee established by the EU/Australia framework agreement, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the adoption of the terms of reference of its sub-committees and working groups.  
([OJ 2018 L 286/22](#))
- iv The Commission published a report from the latest round of negotiations between the EU and Australia for a free trade agreement, as well as the EU's six initial text proposals tabled during this round.  
([Commission Daily News](#), December 13, 2018; [Report](#); [Proposal](#), October 22, 2018; [Proposal](#), October 22, 2018; [Proposal](#), October 10, 2018; [Proposal](#), September 20, 2018; [Proposal](#), September 20, 2018; [Proposal](#), August 10, 2018)

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