

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 2019.

I. WTO

1. Dispute Settlement

Thailand appeals compliance panel report regarding Thai measures on imported cigarettes

Thailand filed an appeal on January 9, 2019, concerning the WTO compliance panel report in the case brought by the Philippines in “Thailand - Customs and Fiscal Measures on Cigarettes from the Philippines (Article 21.5 - Philippines)” (DS371).

[\(WTO Press Release, January 9, 2019\)](#)

United States appeals panel report regarding US duties on Turkish pipe and tube products

The United States filed an appeal on January 25, 2019, concerning the WTO panel report in the case brought by Turkey in “United States - Countervailing Measures on Certain Pipe and Tube Products” (DS523).

[\(WTO Press Release, January 25, 2019\)](#)

Turkey launches safeguard investigation on yarn of nylon or other polyamides

On January 3, 2019, Turkey notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on December 30, 2018, a safeguard investigation on yarn of nylon or other polyamides.

[\(WTO Press Release, January 4, 2019\)](#)

Madagascar launches safeguard investigation on detergent powder

On January 7, 2019, Madagascar notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it had decided to initiate on December 31, 2018, a safeguard investigation on detergent powder.

[\(WTO Press Release, January 7, 2019\)](#)

Philippines launches safeguard investigation on ceramic floor and wall tiles

On January 11, 2019, the Philippines notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it had decided to

initiate on December 20, 2018, a safeguard investigation on ceramic floor and wall tiles.

[\(WTO Press Release, January 11, 2019\)](#)

South Africa launches safeguard investigation on threaded fasteners of iron or steel

On March 4, 2019, South Africa notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on March 1, 2019, a safeguard investigation on threaded fasteners of iron or steel.

[\(WTO Press Release, March 4, 2019\)](#)

The Philippines launches safeguard investigation on clear and tinted float glass

On March 13, 2019, the Philippines notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on February 19, 2019, a safeguard investigation on clear and tinted float glass.

[\(WTO Press Release, March 13, 2019\)](#)

Russia launches two safeguard investigations: on microwave ovens and on welded tubes of stainless steel

On March 19, 2019, the Russian Federation notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated two safeguard investigations: (a) one on microwave ovens imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, initiated on March 1, 2019, and (b) the other on imports of welded tubes of stainless steel imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, initiated on March 4, 2019.

[\(WTO Press Release, March 20, 2019\)](#)

Venezuela initiates WTO dispute complaint against US measures on goods and services

Venezuela has requested WTO dispute consultations with the United States regarding US measures affecting goods and services of Venezuelan origin.

[\(WTO Press Release, January 8, 2019\)](#)

Venezuela initiates WTO dispute case against Colombia regarding liquid fuel restrictions

Venezuela has requested WTO dispute consultations with Colombia regarding certain Colombian measures affecting the distribution of liquid fuels.

[\(WTO Press Release, January 14, 2019\)](#)



European Union initiates WTO dispute proceedings against US olive duties

The European Union has requested WTO dispute consultations with the United States concerning US anti-dumping and countervailing duties imposed on imported ripe olives from Spain.

([WTO Press Release](#), January 31, 2019)

Tunisia initiates new WTO dispute complaint against Morocco book duties

Tunisia has requested WTO dispute consultations with Morocco concerning final anti-dumping duties imposed by Morocco on imports of school exercise books from Tunisia.

([WTO Press Release](#), February 27, 2019)

United Arab Emirates requests consultations with Qatar on goods restrictions

The United Arab Emirates has requested WTO dispute consultations with Qatar regarding certain measures restricting the import, distribution and sale of goods in Qatar from the UAE (DS576).

([WTO Press Release](#), January 31, 2019)

Brazil, Australia initiate WTO dispute complaints against Indian sugar subsidies

Brazil and Australia have requested WTO dispute consultations with India regarding domestic support measures and alleged export subsidies provided by India to producers of sugarcane and sugar.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 7, 2019)

Guatemala initiates WTO dispute complaint against Indian sugar subsidies

Guatemala has requested WTO dispute consultations with India regarding domestic support measures and alleged export subsidies provided by India to producers of sugarcane and sugar.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 25, 2019)

PANELS ESTABLISHED**Panels established to rule on US, Turkish tariff measures**

At a meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on January 28, 2019, WTO members agreed to establish a dispute panel to rule on additional duties imposed by the United States on certain imports from China.

([WTO Press Release](#), January 28, 2019)

PANEL REPORTS ISSUED**WTO issues panel report regarding Chinese agricultural subsidies**

On February 28, 2019, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by the United States in “China - Domestic Support for Agricultural Producers” (DS511).

([WTO Press Release](#), February 28, 2019)

APPELLATE BODY**Appellate Body issues report on US compliance in the Boeing dispute**

On March 28, 2019, the WTO’s Appellate Body issued its report on US compliance in the dispute brought by the European Union in “United States — Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft — Second complaint” (DS353).

([WTO Press Release](#), March 28, 2019; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/1892, March 28, 2019)

ARBITRATION REPORTS**Arbitrator issues decision in dispute between Korea and US on large residential washers**

On February 8, 2019, a WTO arbitrator issued a decision on the level of trade suspension Korea may request in its dispute with the United States regarding US anti-dumping and countervailing duty measures on large residential washers from Korea (DS464).

([WTO Press Release](#), February 8, 2019)

2. Other Developments**TRADE POLICY REVIEWS****Ecuador**

([WTO Press Release](#), March 5 and 7, 2019; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), January 8, 2019)

East African Community (EAC)

([WTO Press Release](#), March 20 and 22, 2019; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), February 13, 2019)

WTO ACCESSIONS

Belarus sets out ambitious target of WTO accession by next Ministerial Conference

Belarus stressed its strong commitment to conclude WTO accession negotiations by the 12th Ministerial Conference, which will take place in June 2020 in Astana, Kazakhstan.

([WTO Press Release](#), February 15, 2019)

South Sudan kicks off WTO membership negotiations

At the first meeting of the Working Party on the Accession of South Sudan on March 21, 2019, WTO members expressed support for working with the world's youngest nation in order to advance its accession negotiations. South Sudan pledged to use the WTO accession process as an instrument for promoting peace.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 21, 2019)

II. EU Commercial Policy

1. Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy

EU COURTS

Bioethanol originating in the US

Implementing Regulation 157/2013 - Definitive anti-dumping duty - Country-wide dumping margin - Actions for annulment - Locus standi - Direct concern - individual concern.

(Case C-465/16 P *Council v. Growth Energy and Renewable Fuels Association*, [judgment](#) of February 28, 2019; Case C-466/16 P *Council v. Marquis Energy*, [judgment](#) of February 28, 2019)

Ceramic tiles originating in China

The General Court dismissed the appeal against Commission's implementing decision of April 15, 2016, rejecting a request for a new exporting producer treatment with regard to the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed by Implementing Regulation 917/2011.

(Case T-310/16 *Foshan Lihua Ceramic v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of March 20, 2019)

Certain prepared or preserved sweetcorn in kernels originating in Thailand

The Court of Justice dismissed the appeal against the General Court's judgment of December 14, 2017, which annulled Council Implementing Regulation 307/2014 amending Implementing Regulation 875/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an interim review pursuant of Article 11(3) of Regulation 1225/2009.

(Case C-144/18 P *River Kwai International Food Industry v. Council*, [judgment](#) of March 28, 2019)

Basic anti-dumping regulation

Opinion by the Advocate General Hogan concerning a dispute between Eurobolt and tax authorities over the validity of EU tariffs on goods from Malaysia.

(Case C-644/17 *Eurobolt*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of February 28, 2019)

Aspartame originating in China

Hearing in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1247 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

(Case T-741/16 *Changmao Biochemical Engineering v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

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

Hearing in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/141 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties.

(Case T-228/17 *Zhejiang India Pipeline Industry v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

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

Hearing in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/804 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case T-500/17 *Hubei Xinyegang Special Tube v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

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

i Hearing in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/2146 withdrawing

the acceptance of the undertaking for two exporting producers under Implementing Decision 2013/707 confirming the acceptance of an undertaking offered in connection with the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings for the period of application of definitive measures.

(Case T-110/17 *Jiangsu Seraphim Solar System v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

- ii The Court of Justice dismissed 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*, [judgment](#) of March 27, 2019)
- iii The Court of Justice dismissed the appeal against the General Court's judgment of February 28, 2017, which dismissed the appeal against Council Implementing Regulation 1239/2013 imposing a definitive countervailing duty.
(Case C-237/17 P *Canadian Solar Emea and Others v. Council*, [judgment](#) of March 27, 2019)

Electric bicycles originating in China

Order by the President of the General Court refusing the application for leave to intervene by O2 Feel in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/671 making imports of electric bicycles originating in China subject to registration.

(Case T-426/18 *Bizbike and Hartmobile v. Commission*, [order](#) of January 14, 2019)

Certain lightweight thermal paper originating in Korea

Order by the President of the General Court partially granting the applications for confidential treatment vis-à-vis European Thermal Paper Association (ETPA) with regard to 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 February 28, 2019)

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

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1579 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and

collecting definitively the provisional duty and repealing Implementing Regulation 2018/163.

(Case T-30/19 *CRIA and CCCMC v. Commission*, [OJ 2019 C 82/67](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

EU anti-subsidy investigations

The Commission set up a new database of all its anti-subsidy investigations, as part of its commitment to improve transparency for its trade defense instruments.

([Commission Press Release](#), January 11, 2019)

Electric bicycles originating in China

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/73 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty.

([OJ 2019 L 16/108](#))

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/72 imposing a definitive countervailing duty.

([OJ 2019 L 16/5](#))

Aluminum radiators originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/59 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review under Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

([OJ 2019 L 12/13](#))

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/99 terminating the absorption reinvestigation without amending the measures in force.

([OJ 2019 L 20/3](#))

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/251 concerning the definitive anti-dumping duties imposed on imports from Hubei Xinyegang Steel and amending Implementing Regulation 2015/2272 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

([OJ 2019 L 42/25](#))

Biodiesel originating in Argentina

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/244 imposing a definitive countervailing duty.

([OJ 2019 L 40/1](#))

- ii Commission Implementing Decision 2019/245 accepting undertaking offers following the imposition of definitive countervailing duties.
([OJ 2019 L 40/71](#))

Certain cast iron articles originating in China and India

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/261 amending 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.
([OJ 2019 L 44/4](#))

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/262 amending Council Implementing Regulation 430/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of threaded tube or pipe cast fittings, of malleable cast iron, originating in China and Thailand and terminating the proceeding with regard to Indonesia.
([OJ 2019 L 44/6](#))

Chamois leather originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/297 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.
([OJ 2019 L 50/5](#))

Electrolytic manganese dioxides (i.e. manganese dioxides produced through an electrolytic process) not heat-treated after the electrolytic process originating in South Africa

Notice of the expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.
([OJ 2019 C 68/28](#))

Certain woven and/or stitched glass fiber fabrics originating in China and Egypt

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.
([OJ 2019 C 68/29](#))

Solar glass originating in Malaysia

Commission Implementing Decision 2019/266 terminating the anti-dumping proceeding.
([OJ 2019 L 44/31](#))

Certain prepared or preserved citrus fruits (namely mandarins, etc.) originating in China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.
([OJ 2019 C 104/10](#))

Mixtures of urea and ammonium nitrate originating in Russia, Trinidad and Tobago and the US

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/455 making imports subject to registration.
([OJ 2019 L 79/9](#))

Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/464 initiating an investigation concerning possible circumvention of anti-dumping measures imposed by Council Implementing Regulation 412/2013 and making such imports subject to registration.
([OJ 2019 L 80/18](#))

Certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in India

Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the countervailing measures.
([OJ 2019 C 111/47](#))

Steel road wheels originating in China

- i Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.
([OJ 2019 C 60/19](#))
- ii Notice amending the notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.
([OJ 2019 C 111/52](#))

Ammonium nitrate originating in Russia

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.
([OJ 2019 C 53/3](#))

Sodium cyclamate originating in China and Indonesia

Notice concerning a change of address of a company subject to an individual duty rate.
([OJ 2019 C 58/12](#))

Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey

Notice concerning a change of name of a company subject to the countervailing duty rate for cooperating non-sampled companies.
([OJ 2019 C 15/3](#))

2. Generalized System of Preferences

Scheme of generalized tariff preferences

- i The EU imposed safeguard measures on rice from Cambodia and Myanmar.
([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/427, January 16, 2019; [OJ 2019 L 15/5](#))
- ii Council Decision 2019/116 on the conclusion of an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the EU and Norway on the cumulation of origin between the EU, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey in the framework of the GSP.
([OJ 2019 L 24/1](#); Agreement: [OJ 2019 L 24/3](#))
- iii Council Decision 2019/131 on the conclusion of an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the EU and Switzerland on the cumulation of origin between the EU, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey in the framework of the GSP.
([OJ 2019 L 25/1](#); Agreement: [OJ 2019 L 25/3](#))
- iv Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/249 suspending the tariff preferences for certain GSP beneficiary countries in respect of certain GSP sections in accordance with Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences for the period of 2020-2022.
([OJ 2019 L 42/6](#))
- v Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on the implementation of Regulation 978/2012.
([Report](#), February 26, 2019)
- vi The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the implementation of the GSP Regulation.
([Resolution](#), March 14, 2019)

Cambodia

The EU initiated the process that could lead to the temporary suspension of Cambodia's preferential access to the EU market under the Everything But Arms (EBA) trade scheme.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/882, February 11, 2019; [Questions and answers](#), February 11, 2019; [OJ 2019 C 55/11](#))

3. Sanctions

EU COURTS

Congo

The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Implementing Regulation 2017/904 implementing Article 9(2) of Regulation 1183/2005, and Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/905 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP.

(Case T-582/17 *Boshab and Others v. Council*, [judgment](#) of March 26, 2019, available in French)

Iran

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

(Case C-225/17 P *Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines and Others v. Council*, [judgment](#) of January 31, 2019)

- ii Opinion by the Advocate General Pitruzzella advising the Court of Justice to (i) annul the General Court's judgment of December 13, 2017, which dismissed the action for damages for the harm allegedly suffered as a result of the applicants' inclusion on the list of persons, entities and bodies in Annex V to Regulation 423/2007 and in Annex VIII to Regulation 961/2010, and (ii) refer the case back to the General Court.

(Case C-123/18 P *HTTS Hanseatic Trade Trust & Shipping v. Council*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of March 5, 2019, available in French)

Libya

A chain of contracts concluded with the aim of issuing a bank guarantee for the benefit of an entity on a list of entities whose funds are to be frozen - Payment of costs arising under counter guarantee agreements - Regulation 204/2011 - Definition of 'funds made available to an entity referred to in Annex III to Regulation 204/2011' - Definition of 'a claim under a

guarantee’ - Definition of a ‘person or entity acting on behalf of a person referred to in Article 12(1)(a) or (b)’. (Case C-168/17 *SH*, [judgment](#) of January 17, 2019)

Syria

- i The General Court dismissed the appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 and the subsequent measures implementing it. (Case T-413/16 *Cham v. Council*, [judgment](#) of January 16, 2019, available in French; Case T-412/16 *Bena Properties v. Council*, [judgment](#) of January 16, 2019, available in French)
- ii The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP, Council Implementing Regulation 2016/840 implementing Regulation 36/2012, Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/917 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP, Council Implementing Regulation 2017/907 implementing Regulation 36/2012, Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1245 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP, and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/1241 implementing Regulation 36/2012. (Case T-477/17 *Haswani v. Council*, [judgment](#) of January 16, 2019, available in French)
- iii The Court of Justice (i) annulled paragraph 1 of the operative part of the General Court’s judgment of March 22, 2017, dismissing as inadmissible the application for annulment of Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2016/840 implementing Regulation 36/2012, and (ii) referred the case back to the General Court. (Case C-313/17 P *Haswani v. Council*, [judgment](#) of January 24, 2019)
- iv The General Court annulled Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/917 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP, Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Regulation 36/2012 repealing Regulation 442/2011, insofar as they concern the applicant. (Case T-559/17 *Abdulkarim v. Council*, [judgment](#) of January 31, 2019, available in French)
- v The General Court annulled Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1245 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP, Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Regulation

36/2012 repealing Regulation 442/2011 insofar as they concern the applicant.

(Case T-667/17 *Alkarim for Trade and Industry v. Council*, [judgment](#) of January 31, 2019, available in French)

- vi The General Court dismissed the appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 and the subsequent measures implementing it. (Case T-415/16 *Almashreq Investment Fund v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 28, 2019, available in French; Case T-414/16 *Drex Technologies v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 28, 2019, available in French; Case T-440/16 *Souruh v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 28, 2019, available in French)

Ukraine/Russia

- i The General Court annulled Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/381 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/374 implementing Regulation 208/2014, in so far as the applicant’s name was maintained on the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to those restrictive measures. (Case T-290/17 *Stavytskyi v. Council*, [judgment](#) of January 30, 2019)
- ii Appeal against the General Court’s judgment of September 13, 2018, dismissing the appeal against Council Decisions 2014/512/CFSP and 2014/659/CFSP and Council Regulations 833/2014 and 960/2014. (Case C-731/18 P *Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 65/25](#))
- iii Appeals against the General Court’s judgments of September 13, 2018, in which the Court upheld restrictive measures adopted by the Council against a number of Russian banks and oil and gas companies in connection with the crisis in Ukraine. (Case C-729/18 P *VTB Bank v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 93/25](#); Case C-732/18 P *Rosneft and Others v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 93/26](#))

Venezuela

- i Appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1656 and Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1653. (Case T-35/19 *Benavides Torres v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 93/74](#))
- ii Appeal against Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1656 and Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1653.

(Case T-32/19 *Harrington Padrón v. Council*,
[OJ 2019 C 103/50](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Belarus

- i The Council decided to prolong the restrictive measures against Belarus for one year.
([Council Press Release](#), February 25, 2019)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/325 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 57/4](#))
- iii 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 2019 C 73/3](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2012/642/CFSP and Council Regulation 765/2006 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 73/4](#))

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/467 amending Decision 2011/173/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 80/39](#))

Chemical weapons

- i The Council imposed sanctions on nine persons and one entity under the new regime of restrictive measures against the use and proliferation of chemical weapons.
([Council Press Release](#), January 21, 2019)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/86 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544.
([OJ 2019 L 18 I/10](#))
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/84 implementing Regulation 2018/1542.
([OJ 2019 L 18 I/1](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons and entity subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/86, and in Council Regulation 2018/1542, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/84.
([OJ 2019 C 27/1](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council

Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 and Council Regulation 2018/1542 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 27/2](#))

Egypt

- i Council Implementing Regulation 2019/459 implementing Regulation 270/2011.
([OJ 2019 L 80/1](#))
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/468 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 80/40](#))
- iii 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) 2019/468, and in Council Regulation 270/2011 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/459, apply.
([OJ 2019 C 108/1](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP and Council Regulation 270/2011 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 108/2](#))

Iran

- i Notice for the attention of certain persons and an entity subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP and in Council Regulation 359/2011.
([OJ 2019 C 27/5](#))
- ii The Council adopted conclusions.
([Council Press Release](#), February 4, 2019)

Iraq

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/23 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003.
([OJ 2019 L 5/1](#))
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/51 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003.
([OJ 2019 L 10/60](#))
- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/162 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq.
([OJ 2019 L 32/1](#))
- iv Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/432 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003.
([OJ 2019 L 75/70](#))

Mali

- i Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/29 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775.
([OJ 2019 L 8/30](#))
- ii Notice for the attention of persons subject to the travel restrictions provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775.
([OJ 2019 C 9/2](#))
- iii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 9/3](#))

North Korea

- i The Council removed two deceased persons from the list of those subject to restrictive measures.
([Council Press Release](#), January 21, 2019)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/96 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
([OJ 2019 L 19/9](#))
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/93 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2019 L 19/3](#))

South Sudan

- i The Council reviewed sanctions regarding the situation in South Sudan, and agreed to maintain the restrictive measures currently in place against the one person.
([Council Press Release](#))
- ii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 and Council Regulation 2015/735 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 104/2](#))
- iii Notice for the attention of the person to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 and Council Regulation 2015/735 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 104/1](#))

Syria

- i The Council added eleven prominent businessmen and five entities to the list of those subject to restrictive measures against the Syrian regime and its supporters.
([Council Press Release](#), January 21, 2019)
- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/87 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 18 I/13](#))

- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/85 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2019 L 18 I/4](#))
- iv 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 2019 C 27/3](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and in Council Regulation 36/2012 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 27/4](#))
- vi Notice for the attention of certain persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2019 C 66/6](#))
- vii The Council added seven ministers of the government of Syria to the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures against the Syrian regime and its supporters.
([Council Press Release](#), March 4, 2019)
- viii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/350 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2019 L 63 I/1](#))
- ix Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/351 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 63 I/4](#))
- x Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Regulation 36/2012 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 83/5](#))
- xi Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/351, and in Council Regulation 36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/350.
([OJ 2019 C 83/4](#))

Tunisia

- i The Council (i) extended a freeze on the assets of persons deemed to be responsible for the misappropriation of State funds in Tunisia and those persons and entities associated with them, and (ii) decided to remove one person from the sanctions list.

- ([Council Press Release](#), January 28, 2019)
- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/132 implementing Regulation 101/2011.
([OJ 2019 L 25/12](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/135 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 25/23](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/72/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/135, and in Council Regulation 101/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/132, apply.
([OJ 2019 C 36/3](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the persons subject to restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/72/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/135, and in Council Regulation 101/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/132.
([OJ 2019 C 36/2](#))

Ukraine

- i The Council removed one deceased person from the list of those subject to restrictive measures.
([Council Press Release](#), January 21, 2019)
- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/92 implementing Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2019 L 19/1](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/95 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 19/7](#))
- iv The Council extended for one year the asset freezes directed against twelve persons identified as responsible for the misappropriation of Ukrainian State funds or for the abuse of office causing a loss to Ukrainian public funds.
([Council Press Release](#), March 4, 2019)
- v Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/354 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 64/7](#))
- vi Council Implementing Regulation 2019/352 implementing Regulation 208/2014.
([OJ 2019 L 64/1](#))
- vii 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) 2019/354, and in Council Regulation 208/2014 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/352.
([OJ 2019 C 83/2](#))
- viii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Regulation 208/2014 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 83/3](#))
- ix The Council added eight Russian officials to the list of those subject to restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.
([Council Press Release](#), March 15, 2019)
- x Council Implementing Regulation 2019/408 implementing Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2019 L 73/9](#))
- xi Council Implementing Regulation 2019/409 implementing Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2019 L 73/16](#))
- xii Council Decision (CFSP) amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 73/110](#))
- xiii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/416 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 73/117](#))
- xiv 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) 2019/415, and in Council Regulation 269/2014 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/408.
([OJ 2019 C 100/9](#))
- xv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP and Council Regulation 269/2014 apply.
([OJ 2019 C 100/10](#))
- xvi 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) 2019/416, and in Council Regulation 269/2014, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/409.
([OJ 2019 C 100/11](#))
- xvii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP and Council Regulation 269/2014 apply.

([OJ 2019 C 100/12](#))

Venezuela

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the emergency situation in Venezuela.

([EP Press Release](#), March 28, 2019; [Resolution](#), March 28, 2019)

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 2019 C 27/6](#))

ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on Zimbabwe.

([Resolution](#), February 14, 2019)

iii The Council renewed for one year the restrictive measures against Zimbabwe.

([Council Press Release](#), February 18, 2019)

iv Council Implementing Regulation 2019/293 amending Council Regulation 314/2004.

([OJ 2019 L 47/36](#))

v Council Regulation 2019/278 amending Council Regulation 314/2004.

([OJ 2019 L 47/1](#))

vi Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/284 amending Decision 2011/101/CFSP.

([OJ 2019 L 47/38](#))

vii 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) 2019/284 and in Council Regulation 314/2004, as amended by Council Regulation 2019/278, apply.

([OJ 2019 C 66/4](#))

viii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/101/CFSP and Council Regulation 314/2004 apply.

([OJ 2019 C 66/5](#))

4. Other Measures

Trade defense

The Commission published its thirty-seventh annual report on the EU's anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguard activities and the use of trade defense instruments by third countries targeting the EU.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/1850, March 28, 2019; [COM 2019/158](#), March 27, 2019; [Commission staff working document](#), March 27, 2019)

Foreign Direct Investments (FDI)

i Provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations on the proposed regulation establishing a framework for screening of FDI into the EU.

([Provisional agreement](#), December 6, 2018; [Letter](#) from Commissioner Malmström, December 5, 2018; [Letter](#) from the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee, December 6, 2018)

ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposed regulation establishing a framework for screening of FDI into the EU.

([EP Press Release](#), February 14, 2019; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/1052, February 14, 2019; [Resolution](#), February 14, 2019)

iii Regulation establishing a framework for the screening of FDI into the Union.

([Consolidated text](#) of the regulation, February 20, 2019)

iv The Council adopted a regulation establishing a framework for the screening of FDI into the EU.

([Council Press Release](#), March 5, 2019; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/1532, March 5, 2019)

v The Commission published a detailed overview of the FDI situation in the EU.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/1668, March 13, 2019; [Commission staff working document](#), March 13, 2019)

vi Regulation 2019/452 establishing a framework for the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union.

([OJ 2019 L 79 I/1](#))

Horizontal safeguard regulation

i The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposed regulation 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.

([Resolution](#), January 15, 2019)

ii Regulation implementing bilateral safeguard clauses and other mechanisms allowing for the temporary

withdrawal of preferences in certain trade agreements concluded between the EU and third countries.

([Consolidated text](#) of regulation, January 17, 2019; [General Secretariat note](#), January 21, 2019; [Joint statement](#) of the European Parliament and the Commission, January 21, 2019)

- iii The Council adopted a regulation implementing bilateral safeguard clauses and other mechanisms allowing for the temporary withdrawal of preferences in certain trade agreements concluded between the EU and third countries.

([Council Press Release](#), January 28, 2019; [Consolidated text](#) of regulation, January 17, 2019)

- iv Regulation 2019/287 implementing bilateral safeguard clauses and other mechanisms allowing for the temporary withdrawal of preferences in certain trade agreements concluded between the EU and third countries.

([OJ 2019 L 53/1](#))

Steel products

- i The Commission notified the World Trade Organisation (WTO) of its findings in the safeguard investigation on certain steel products.

([Commission Press Release](#), January 4, 2019)

- ii The Commission imposed definitive safeguard measures on imports of steel products.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/821, February 1, 2019)

- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/159 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products.

([OJ 2019 L 31/27](#))

Hearing officer in certain trade proceedings

Decision 2019/339 of the President of the Commission on the function and terms of reference of the hearing officer in certain trade proceedings.

([Commission Press Release](#), February 28, 2019; [OJ 2019 L 60/20](#))

Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)

The EU and its Member States submitted two proposals to the UN Working Group under the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) tasked with examining the reform of ISDS.

([Commission Daily News](#), January 21, 2019; [Submission](#), January 18, 2019; [Submission](#), January 18, 2019)

Cultural goods

- i The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposed regulation on the import of cultural goods.

([Resolution](#), March 12, 2019)

- ii Regulation on the introduction and the import of cultural goods.

([Consolidated text](#) of regulation, March 20, 2019)

Intra-EU investment arbitration awards

The Council authorized the Commission to intervene on behalf of the EU before US Courts regarding the recognition and enforcement of intra-EU investment arbitration awards.

([Council Press Release](#), February 18, 2019)

Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)

The Council adopted a decision in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention in the framework of the EU strategy against proliferation of WMD.

([Council Press Release](#), January 21, 2019; [OJ 2019 L 19/11](#))

Common military list of the EU

- i The Council adopted the updated common military list of the EU in line with the provisions of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP on arms exports.

([Council Press Release](#), February 18, 2019)

- ii Common military list of the EU adopted by the Council on February 18, 2019.

([OJ 2019 C 95/1](#))

Defense-related products

- i The Council decided not to object to a Commission directive amending the annex to Directive 2009/43.

([Council Press Release](#), January 22, 2019)

- ii Commission Directive 2019/514 amending Directive 2009/43 as regards the list of defense-related products.

([OJ 2019 L 89/1](#))

Dual-use goods

- i The Commission published the feedback received to the 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.

([Feedback page](#))

- ii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on the 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.

([Report](#), February 8, 2019)

- iii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the 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.

([Resolution](#), March 13, 2019)

- iv 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.

([Consolidated text](#) of regulation, March 14, 2019)

- v Regulation 2019/496 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.

([OJ 2019 L 85 I/20](#))

Trade in conflict minerals

- i Commission delegated regulation supplementing Regulation 2017/821 as regards the methodology and criteria for the assessment and recognition of supply chain due diligence schemes concerning tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold.

([Draft act](#), January 11, 2019)

- ii The Council confirmed that it had no intention to object to a Commission delegated act laying down supply chain due diligence obligations for EU importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores and gold originating from conflict affected and high-risk areas.

([Council Press Release](#), February 18-19, 2019)

- iii Commission Delegated Regulation 2019/429 supplementing Regulation 2017/821 as regards the methodology and criteria for the assessment and recognition of supply chain due diligence schemes concerning tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold.

([OJ 2019 L 75/59](#))

Textile products

Commission report on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation 2015/936 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Union import rules.

([COM 2019/79](#), February 13, 2019)

Torture products

Regulation 2019/125 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

([OJ 2019 L 30/1](#))

Acquisition and possession of weapons

- i Commission delegated regulation laying down the detailed arrangements under Council Directive 91/477 for the systematic exchange, by electronic means, of information relating to the transfer of firearms within the Union.

([Draft act](#), January 16, 2019)

- ii Commission Implementing Directive 2019/69 laying down technical specifications for alarm and signal weapons under Council Directive 91/477.

([OJ 2019 L 15/22](#))

- iii Commission Implementing Directive 2019/68 establishing technical specifications for the marking of firearms and their essential components under Council Directive 91/477.

([OJ 2019 L 15/18](#))

Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Council Decision 2019/349 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Committee on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the accession of the UK to the revised GPA in the context of its withdrawal from the EU.

([OJ 2019 L 63/12](#))

III. EC Customs Policy

EU COURTS

Customs union

- i Customs Code - Status of authorized economic operator - Implementing Regulation 2015/2447 - Applicant not a natural person - Questionnaire - Collection of personal data - Directive 95/46 - Regulation 2016/679 - Processing of personal data. (Case C-496/17 *Deutsche Post*, [judgment](#) of January 16, 2019)
- ii The Court of Justice held that goods supplied and invoiced by companies established in third countries

to a company established in the customs territory of the EU in order to be used there, must be regarded as having been brought into that territory within the meaning of Article 37 of Council Regulation 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code, and to be covered, in that regard, by the exception provided for in Article 313(2)(a) of Regulation 2454/93, as only goods in respect of which it has been proven that a procedure for releasing them for free circulation in the customs territory of the EU has been carried out are to be recognized as having Community status.

(Case C-643/17 *Suez II*, [judgment](#) of March 7, 2019)

- iii Import and export procedures - Custom debt - Council Regulation 2913/92 - Article 212a - Council Implementing Regulation 1238/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty - Council Implementing Regulation 1239/2013 imposing a definitive countervailing duty - Exemptions.

(Case C-226/18 *Krohn & Schröder*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of March 14, 2019)

- iv Order by the President of the Court of Justice rejecting the application to intervene submitted by Euro-Mit Staal regarding the 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*, [order](#) of March 7, 2019)

Reimbursement of customs duties

Import of textile products declared as originating from Jamaica - Comparable dossier pending before the Commission - Restrictive character of the Commission's communication - Competence of national authorities.

(Case C-589/17 *Prenatal*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of February 7, 2019)

Customs Code

- i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Bulgarian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether the theft of goods placed under a customs warehousing procedure constitutes a removal from the customs warehousing procedure that gives cause for the imposition of a financial penalty on the authorization holder for an offence under customs legislation.

(Case C-655/18 *Mititsa Varna v. Schenker*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2019 C 4/17](#))

- ii Opinion by the Advocate General Wahl advising the Court of Justice to hold that, where the customs value of imported goods, irrespective of their nature, is determined in accordance with Article 30(2)(b) of Council Regulation 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code and Article 151(4) of Commission Regulation 2454/93 laying down provisions for the implementation of Regulation 2913/92, in order to identify similar goods, customs authorities are to consider primarily whether the goods perform the same functions and whether they are commercially interchangeable.

(Case C-1/18 *Oribalt Rīga*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of January 24, 2019)

- iii Post clearance examination of declarations - Customs duties imposed on imported goods following review by customs authorities - Amendment by declarant of value of goods entered in customs declaration - Article 221 determination of expiry of limitation period.

(Case C-249/18 *CEVA Freight Holland*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of March 26, 2019)

Combined Nomenclature

- i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a UK court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the classification of mastectomy bras in the Combined Nomenclature of the EU.

(Case C-677/18 *Amoena*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2019 C 25/25](#))

- ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Slovakian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the classification of digital video camera recorders within the Combined Nomenclature.

(Case C-810/18 *DHL Logistics*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2019 C 82/16](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Customs risk management

The Council adopted conclusions on the second progress report on the implementation of the EU strategy and action plan for customs risk management.

([Council Press Release](#), January 8, 2019; [OJ 2019 C 24/13](#))

World Customs Organization

The Council adopted the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the World Customs Organization in relation to a draft amendment to the Harmonized System Nomenclature.

([Council Press Release](#), March 18, 2019; [Statement](#) by the Commission, March 18, 2019)

Customs Union

i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection on strengthening the competitiveness of the Internal Market by developing the EU Customs Union and its governance.

([Report](#), February 4, 2019)

ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on strengthening the competitiveness of the Internal Market by developing the EU Customs Union and its governance.

([Resolution](#), February 14, 2019)

iii The Council adopted a set of conclusions aimed at providing guidance in developing the EU customs union and its governance.

([Council Press Release](#), February 12, 2019)

Customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US

i Commission delegated regulation amending Regulation 2018/196 on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([Draft act](#), February 27, 2019; [Annex](#), February 27, 2019)

ii Commission report on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation 2018/196 on additional custom duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([COM 2019/118](#), March 5, 2019)

Customs 2020 program

Commission report on the mid-term evaluation of the Customs 2020 program.

([COM 2019/57](#), February 7, 2019; [Commission staff working document](#), February 7, 2019)

Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods (TIR Convention)

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

([COM 2019/131](#), March 11, 2019; [Annex](#), March 11, 2019)

Common Customs Tariff

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/13 correcting the Dutch language version of Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff.

([OJ 2019 L 3/1](#))

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/13 correcting the Dutch language version of Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff.

([OJ 2019 L 3/1](#))

Customs Code

i Commission Implementing Decision 2019/54 concerning the validity of certain binding tariff information.

([OJ 2019 L 10/71](#))

ii European Parliament resolution of January 31, 2019, with respect to the inclusion of the municipality of Campione d'Italia and the Italian waters of Lake Lugano in the customs territory of the Union.

([Resolution](#), January 31, 2019)

iii The Council adopted a Council directive as regards the inclusion of the Italian municipality of Campione d'Italia and the Italian waters of Lake Lugano in the customs territory of the EU.

([Council Press Release](#), February 18-19, 2019)

iv The European Parliament adopted a resolution 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.

([Resolution](#), March 13, 2019)

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

([Draft act](#), March 8, 2019)

- vi Commission delegated regulation amending Delegated Regulation 2015/2446 as regards the declaration of certain low-value consignments.

([Draft act](#), March 14, 2019; [Annex](#), March 14, 2019)

- vii Commission delegated regulation correcting certain language versions of Delegated Regulation 2015/2446 supplementing Regulation 952/2013 as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code.

([Draft act](#), March 14, 2019)

- viii 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.

([Consolidated text](#) of regulation, March 20, 2019)

- ix Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/444 amending Implementing Regulation 2015/2447 as regards the forms for guarantor's undertakings and the inclusion of air transport costs in the customs value in view of the withdrawal of the UK from the Union.

([OJ 2019 L 77/61](#))

- x Regulation 2019/474 amending Regulation 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code.

([OJ 2019 L 83/38](#))

- xi Council Directive 2019/475 amending Directives 2006/112 and 2008/118 as regards the inclusion of the Italian municipality of Campione d'Italia and the Italian waters of Lake Lugano in the customs territory of the Union and in the territorial application of Directive 2008/118.

([OJ 2019 L 83/42](#))

Combined Nomenclature

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

([OJ 2018 C 466/12](#); [OJ 2019 C 2/2](#))

- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/321 concerning the classification of certain goods in the

Combined Nomenclature and repealing Implementing Regulation 2017/1232.

([OJ 2019 L 55/4](#))

- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/368 repealing Implementing Regulation 444/2013 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2019 L 66/1](#))

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

([OJ 2019 C 119/1](#))

IV. EU External Relations

A. Enlargement

Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III)

- i The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted its position on IPA III.

([EP Press Release](#), February 4, 2019)

- ii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the proposed regulation establishing the IPA III.

([Report](#), March 11, 2019)

- iii The Council agreed its position on the draft regulation establishing the IPA III for the period 2021-2027.

([Council Press Release](#), March 19, 2019)

- iv The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposed regulation establishing the IPA III.

([Resolution](#), March 27, 2019)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the 2018 Commission report on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

([Report](#), December 14, 2019)

- ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the 2018 Commission report on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

([EP Press Release](#), February 13, 2019; [Resolution](#), February 13, 2019)

Turkey

- i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the 2018 Commission report on Turkey.

([Report](#), February 26, 2019)

- ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the 2018 Commission report on Turkey. ([EP Press Release](#), March 14, 2019; [Resolution](#), March 13, 2019)
- iii The Council established its common position in view of the fifty-fourth meeting of the EU/Turkey Association Council. ([Council Press Release](#), March 12, 2019)

B. Multi- or Plurilateral

AMERICAS

EU/Mercosur

The Commission published the report of the thirty-seventh round of negotiations of the trade part of the association agreement between the EU and Mercosur. ([Report](#), January 2019)

EU/Central America

- i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on the implementation of the trade pillar of the association agreement with Central America. ([Report](#), December 11, 2018)
- ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the implementation of the trade pillar of the association agreement with Central America. ([Resolution](#), January 16, 2019)

EU/Colombia and Peru (and Ecuador)

- i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on the implementation of the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru. ([Report](#), December 7, 2018)
- ii The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the implementation of the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru. ([Resolution](#), January 16, 2019)
- iii Decision 1/2018 of the Trade Committee modifying Appendix 1 to Annex XIII to the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. ([OJ 2019 L 33/35](#))
- iv Commission evaluation and fitness check roadmap with respect to the EU/Colombia/Ecuador/Peru trade agreement. ([Evaluation roadmap](#), February 26, 2019; [Feedback page](#))

EU/Pacific States

Notice concerning the provisional application of the interim partnership agreement between the EU and the Pacific States.

([OJ 2019 L 13/1](#))

ASIA

EU/ASEAN

The Council adopted conclusions on EU/ASEAN relations.

([Council Press Release](#), January 21, 2019)

AFRICA

EU/SADC EPA States

- i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within 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 dispute avoidance and settlement and the Code of Conduct for arbitrators and mediators. ([Text](#) of decision, January 15, 2019)
- ii Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Trade and Development Committee established under the Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA States, as regards the establishment of a list of arbitrators. ([Text](#) of decision, January 15, 2019)
- iii The Council adopted two decisions on the positions to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Joint Council under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC. ([Council Press Release](#), January 21, 2019; [Text](#) of decision, January 15, 2019; [Text](#) of decision, January 15, 2019)
- iv Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within 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 of the Joint Council and of the Trade and Development Committee. ([Text](#) of decision, January 31, 2019)
- v Council Decision 2019/118 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Trade and Development Committee established under the

economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA States, as regards the establishment of a list of arbitrators.

[\(OJ 2019 L 24/23\)](#)

- vi Council Decision 2019/117 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within 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 dispute avoidance and settlement and the Code of Conduct for arbitrators and mediators.

[\(OJ 2019 L 24/12\)](#)

- vii Council Decision 2019/234 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within 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 of the Joint Council and of the Trade and Development Committee.

[\(OJ 2019 L 37/127\)](#)

- viii Decision 2/2019 of the Joint Council established under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA States, on the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for dispute avoidance and settlement and the Code of Conduct for arbitrators and mediators.

[\(Text of decision, February 19, 2019\)](#)

- ix Decision 1/2019 of the Joint Council established under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA States, on the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Council and of the Trade and Development Committee.

[\(Text of decision, February 19, 2019\)](#)

- x Decision 1/2019 of the Trade and Development Committee established under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA States on the establishment of a list of arbitrators.

[\(OJ 2019 L 70/33\)](#)

- xi Decision 1/2019 of the Joint Council established under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA states on the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Council and of the Trade and Development Committee.

[\(OJ 2019 L 75/120\)](#)

- xii Decision 2/2019 of the Joint Council established under the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC EPA states on the adoption of

the rules of procedure for dispute avoidance and settlement and the Code of Conduct for arbitrators and mediators.

[\(OJ 2019 L 75/128\)](#)

EU/Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) States

Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the EPA Committee established under the interim agreement establishing a framework for an economic partnership agreement between the EU and the Eastern and Southern Africa States, as regards the amendment of certain provisions of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.

[\(COM 2019/58, February 7, 2019; Annex, February 7, 2019\)](#)

C. Bilateral

AFRICA

EU/Tunisia

- i The Commission published the report of the third round of negotiations between the EU and Tunisia.
[\(Report available in French, January 2019\)](#)
- ii The Commission published the texts proposed by the EU for a deep and comprehensive free trade area with Tunisia.
[\(Textual proposal available in French, October 26, 2018; Textual proposal available in French, November 9, 2018; Textual proposal available in French, November 8, 2018; Textual proposal available in French, May 25, 2018; Textual proposal available in French, November 28, 2018\)](#)

EU/Morocco

- i The Council adopted a decision concluding the agreement on the extension of tariff preferences in the association agreement with Morocco to the Western Sahara, following the European Parliament's consent to the modification to the agreement.
[\(Council Press Release, January 28, 2019\)](#)
- ii Council Decision 2019/217 on the conclusion 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.
[\(OJ 2019 L 34/1; Agreement: OJ 2019 L 34/4\)](#)

EU/Ivory Coast

Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the EPA Committee established under the stepping stone economic partnership agreement between the EU and Ivory Coast, as regards the adoption of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.

([COM 2019/148](#), March 22, 2019; [Annex](#), March 22, 2019)

EU/Algeria

Decision 1/2018 of the EU/Algeria Association Committee regarding the modification of the conditions of application of the preferential tariffs for agricultural products and processed agricultural products set out in Article 14 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the EU and Algeria.

([OJ 2019 L 16/141](#))

AMERICAS**EU/Canada**

Opinion by the Advocate General Bot advising the Court of Justice to hold that the mechanism for the settlement of disputes between investors and States provided for by the free trade agreement between the EU and Canada is compatible with EU law.

(Advocate General [opinion](#) of January 29, 2019; [Court Press Release](#), January 29, 2019)

EU/US

- i The Commission adopted proposals for negotiating directives for its trade talks with the US.
([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/502, January 18, 2019)
- ii Recommendation for a Council decision authorizing the opening of negotiations of an agreement with the US on conformity assessment.
([COM 2019/15](#), January 18, 2019; [Annex](#), January 18, 2019)
- iii Recommendation for a Council decision authorizing the opening of negotiations of an agreement with the US on the elimination of tariffs for industrial goods.
([COM 2019/16](#), January 18, 2019; [Annex](#), January 18, 2019)
- iv The Commission published a progress report on the implementation of the 2018 joint statement agreed by Presidents Juncker and Trump.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/784, January 30, 2019; [Report](#), January 30, 2019)

- v The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade endorsed the mandate to start limited EU/US trade talks, under certain conditions.
([EP Press Release](#), February 19, 2019)
- vi The Commission submitted to the European Parliament and EU Member States an economic analysis on the benefits for EU and US producers and consumers of eliminating tariffs on industrial goods across various sectors.
([Commission Press Release](#), February 19, 2019; [Factsheet](#), February 2019)
- vii The Commission published a call for proposals for regulatory cooperation activities with the US.
([Consultation page](#))
- viii The Commission appointed Mr. David O'Sullivan as Special Adviser to the President on EU/US relations.
([Commission Daily News](#), March 26, 2019)

ASIA**EU/South Korea**

- i The EU started government consultations with South Korea regarding the country's implementation of commitments related to trade and sustainable development under the EU/Korea free trade agreement.
([Commission Press Release](#), January 21, 2019)
- ii The Commission published its "ex-post" evaluation of the EU/South Korea trade agreement.
([Commission Press Release](#), March 6, 2019; [Report](#), March 7, 2019)

EU/China

- i The Council adopted a decision on the conclusion of an agreement between the EU and China in connection with a dispute and settlement case related to measures affecting tariff concessions on certain poultry meat products.
([Council Press Release](#), January 28, 2019)
- ii The Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy published a joint communication reviewing EU/China relations and the related opportunities and challenges.
([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/1605, March 12, 2019; Joint communication: [JOIN 2019/5](#), March

12, 2019; [Factsheet: Remarks](#) by Commissioner Katainen, March 12, 2019)

EU/Singapore

- i Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and Singapore.
([Text](#) of decision, January 7, 2019)
- ii The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade gave its consent to the EU/Singapore free trade agreement.
([EP Press Release](#), January 24, 2019)
- 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 Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Singapore.
([Report](#), January 24, 2019)
- iv Recommendation by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Singapore.
([Recommendation](#), January 23, 2019)
- v Recommendation by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Singapore.
([Recommendation](#), January 30, 2019)
- vi 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 Investment Protection Agreement between the EU and Singapore.
([Recommendation](#), January 30, 2019)
- vii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the Investment Protection Agreement between the EU and Singapore.
([Report](#), January 29, 2019)
- viii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Singapore.
([Report](#), January 29, 2019)

- ix The European Parliament endorsed the free trade, investment protection and partnership and cooperation agreements between the EU and Singapore.
([EP Press Release](#), February 13, 2019; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/906, February 13, 2019; [Resolution](#), February 13, 2019; [Resolution](#), February 13, 2019; [Resolution](#), February 13, 2019; [Resolution](#), February 13, 2019; [Resolution](#), February 13, 2019; [Resolution](#), February 13, 2019)

EU/Japan

- i Notice concerning the date of entry into force of the agreement between the EU and Japan for an economic partnership.
([OJ 2019 L 9/1](#))
- ii Notice concerning the provisional application of the strategic partnership agreement between the EU and Japan.
([OJ 2019 L 23/1](#))
- iii The Council adopted a decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the working group on wine established by the agreement between the EU and Japan in the framework of their bilateral economic partnership agreement.
([Council Press Release](#), January 28, 2019)
- iv Proposed Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU in the Joint Committee established by the strategic partnership agreement between the EU and Japan, regarding the adoption of its Rules of Procedure.
([COM 2019/105](#), February 22, 2019)
- v Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Joint Committee established under the Agreement between the EU and Japan for an Economic Partnership as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Committee, the Rules of Procedure of a Panel, the Mediation Procedure and the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators.
([COM 2019/141](#), March 15, 2019; [Annex](#), March 15, 2019)
- vi Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee established by the EU/Japan strategic partnership agreement, as regards the adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Joint Committee.
([Text](#) of decision, March 19, 2019)

vii Council Decision 2019/524 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee established by the EU/Japan strategic partnership agreement, as regards the adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Joint Committee.

([OJ 2019 L 86/66](#))

EU/Turkmenistan

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the draft Council and Commission decision on the conclusion by the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community of the partnership and cooperation agreement establishing a partnership between the EU and Turkmenistan.

([Resolution](#), March 12, 2019)

EU/Uzbekistan

i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on a European Parliament recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the new comprehensive agreement between the EU and Uzbekistan.

([Report](#), March 1, 2019)

ii The European Parliament adopted a recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the new comprehensive agreement between the EU and Uzbekistan.

([Recommendation](#), March 26, 2019)

EU/Kyrgyzstan

European Parliament recommendation of January 15, 2019, to the Council, Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the comprehensive agreement between the EU and Kyrgyzstan.

([Recommendation](#), January 15, 2019)

EU/Afghanistan

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

([Report](#), January 31, 2019)

ii The European Parliament adopted two resolutions on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the cooperation agreement on partnership and development between the EU and Afghanistan.

([Resolution](#), March 13, 2019; [Resolution](#), March 13, 2019)

EUROPE

EU/Ukraine

i The EU formally requested consultations with Ukraine under the EU/Ukraine association agreement on Ukraine's export ban on unprocessed wood.

([Commission Press Release](#), January 16, 2019; [Note verbale](#), January 15, 2019)

ii Council Decision 2019/52 authorizing the opening of negotiations for an agreement amending the existing tariff rate quota for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations and amending the existing tariff regime for other poultry cuts, set out in Annex I-A to Chapter 1 of the association agreement between the EU and Ukraine.

([OJ 2019 L 10/62](#))

iii Decision 1/2018 of the EU/Ukraine Customs Sub-Committee replacing Protocol I to the EU/Ukraine association agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.

([OJ 2019 L 20/40](#))

iv Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the EU/Ukraine Association Council amending Annex XXVII to the association agreement between the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community, and Ukraine.

([COM 2019/74](#), February 11, 2019; [Annex](#), February 11, 2019)

v Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Council established by the association agreement between the EU and Ukraine, as regards the amendment of Annex XXVII to that agreement.

([Text](#) of decision, March 12, 2019)

vi The Council adopted a common position to allow for the update of the annexes of the association agreement with Ukraine, to reflect the evolution of the EU acquis in the energy sector and facilitate Ukraine's approximation efforts in this field.

([Council Press Release](#), March 18, 2019)

- vii Council Decision 2019/466 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine, as regards the amendment of Annex XXVII to that Agreement.

([OJ 2019 L 80/26](#))

EU/Georgia

The Commission published the third association implementation report on Georgia.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/747, January 31, 2019; [Joint staff working document](#), January 30, 2019)

EU/Russia

- i The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted a resolution assessing the state of play in EU/Russia political relations.
([EP Press Release](#), February 4, 2019)
- ii Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the state of EU/Russia political relations.
([Report](#), February 8, 2019)
- iii The European Parliament adopted a resolution assessing the current state of EU/Russia political relations.
([EP Press Release](#), March 12, 2019; [Resolution](#), March 12, 2019)

EU/Switzerland

- i The Council adopted conclusions on EU relations with Switzerland.
([Council Press Release](#), February 19, 2019)
- ii The European Parliament adopted a recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning the institutional framework agreement between the EU and Switzerland.
([Recommendation](#), March 26, 2019)

EU/Andorra, Monaco and San Marino

- i Report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on a European Parliament recommendation to the Council, to the Commission and to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the association agreement

between the EU and Monaco, Andorra and San Marino.

([Report](#), February 11, 2019)

- ii The European Parliament adopted a recommendation to the Council, to the Commission and to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the association agreement between the EU and Monaco, Andorra and San Marino.

([Recommendation](#), March 13, 2019)

EU/Azerbaijan

The Commission published a report setting out the state of play of developments in Azerbaijan since the last meeting of the EU/Azerbaijan Cooperation Council.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/1674, March 15, 2019; [Joint staff working document](#), March 11, 2019)

EU/Moldova

Council Decision 2019/433 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Association Committee meeting in Trade configuration established by the Association Agreement between the EU and Moldova, 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.

([OJ 2019 L 75/72](#))

EU/Macedonia

- i Decision 1/2018 of the Stabilization and Association Council concerning the transition to the second stage of the Association between the EU and Macedonia, pursuant to Article 5(3) of the stabilization and association agreement.
([OJ 2019 L 18/51](#))
- ii The Council established the EU's position for the fifteenth meeting of the EU/Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council.
([Council Press Release](#), March 18, 2019)

MIDDLE EAST

EU/Jordan

- i Decision 1/2018 of the EU/Jordan Association Committee amending the provisions of Protocol 3 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Jordan, concerning

the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and the list of working or processing required to be carried out on non-originating materials in order for certain categories of products, manufactured in the territory of Jordan, and connected with generating employment for Syrian refugees and Jordanians, to obtain originating status.

([OJ 2019 L 9/147](#))

ii Council Decision 2019/41 on the position to be taken, on behalf of the EU, within the Association Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Jordan, as regards an amendment to Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation.

([OJ 2019 L 9/114](#))

iii Council Decision 2019/28 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 the EU/Jordan partnership priorities.

([OJ 2019 L 8/27](#))

iv Decision 1/2018 of the EU/Jordan Association Council agreeing on a two-year extension of the EU/Jordan partnership priorities.

([OJ 2019 L 8/34](#))

EU/Palestine

i Recommendation of the EU/PLO Joint Committee approving the extension of the EU/PA action plan.

([Text](#) of recommendation, January 16, 2019)

ii Council Decision 2019/222 on the position to be taken, on behalf of the EU, within 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.

([OJ 2019 L 35/32](#))

iii Recommendation 1/2019 of the EU/PLO Joint Committee approving the extension of the EU/PA action plan.

([OJ 2019 L 35/35](#))

EU/Israel

i Recommendation of the EU/Israel Association Council approving the extension of the EU/Israel action plan.

([Text](#) of recommendation, January 16, 2019)

ii Recommendation 1/2018 of the EU/Israel Association Council approving the extension of the EU/Israel action plan.

([OJ 2019 L 21/66](#))

iii Council Decision 2019/105 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 Israel, concerning the extension of the EU/Israel action plan.

([OJ 2019 L 21/64](#))

OCEANIA

EU/New Zealand

i The EU and New Zealand completed the third round of negotiations for a trade agreement with the EU.

([Commission Press Release](#), February 26, 2019)

ii The Commission published the report on the third round of negotiations for a free trade agreement between the EU and New Zealand.

([Report](#), March 2019)

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