

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 second quarter of 2019.

I. WTO

1. Dispute Settlement

Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft under the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (“DSU”)

The Commission started a consultation on a preliminary list of products from the US on which the EU may take countermeasures in the context of the ongoing Boeing dispute at the WTO.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/2162, April 17, 2019; [Consultation page](#))

EU initiates WTO dispute complaint against Indian tech tariffs

The European Union has requested dispute consultations with India regarding duties imposed by India on imports of certain information and communications technology (ITC) products.

([WTO Press Release](#), April 9, 2019)

EU initiates WTO dispute complaint against Turkish measures affecting pharmaceuticals

The European Union has requested dispute consultations with Turkey regarding various requirements imposed by Turkey on the production, import and approval for reimbursement, pricing and licensing of pharmaceutical products.

([WTO Press Release](#), April 10, 2019)

Japan initiates WTO dispute complaint against Indian tech tariffs

Japan has requested dispute consultations with India regarding duties imposed by India on imports of certain information and communications technology (ITC) products.

([WTO Press Release](#), May 14, 2019)

Colombia launches safeguard investigation on sheets of cardboard and polyethylene

On April 16, 2019, Colombia notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on April 9, 2019, a safeguard investigation on certain sheets of cardboard and polyethylene.

([WTO Press Release](#), April 16, 2019)

Panama launches safeguard investigation on certain swine meat

On May 14, 2019, Panama notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it had decided to initiate on May 3, 2019, a safeguard investigation on certain fresh, chilled or frozen meat of swine.

([WTO Press Release](#), May 14, 2019)

Morocco launches safeguard investigation on hot-rolled sheets of steel

On May 27, 2019, Morocco notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on May 29, 2019, a safeguard investigation on hot-rolled sheets of steel.

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

Indonesia launches safeguard investigation on evaporators

On June 13, 2019, Indonesia notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on June 12, 2019, a safeguard investigation on evaporators.

([WTO Press Release](#), June 13, 2019)

Canada appeals panel report regarding US dumping duties on Canadian lumber

Canada filed an appeal on June 4, 2019, concerning the WTO panel report in the case brought by Canada in “United States - Anti-Dumping Measures Applying Differential Pricing Methodology to Softwood Lumber from Canada” (DS534).

([WTO Press Release](#), June 4, 2019)

PANELS ESTABLISHED

WTO establishes panel to review Turkish duties on Thai air conditioners

At a meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on April 11, 2019, WTO members agreed to Thailand’s request for the establishment of a dispute panel to rule



on duties levied by Turkey on imported Thai air conditioners.

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

Panel established to rule on measures imposed by Qatar on goods from the UAE

At a meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on May 28, 2019, WTO members agreed to establish a panel to rule on measures imposed by Qatar relating to the importing, stocking, distribution, marketing or sale of goods from the United Arab Emirates. The DSB also considered a request from the European Union for a panel to rule on anti-dumping and countervailing duties imposed by the United States on imported ripe olives from Spain.

[\(WTO Press Release, May 28, 2019\)](#)

Panels to review US duties on Spanish olives, Indonesian compliance with chicken ruling

At a meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on June 24, 2019, WTO members agreed to a request from the European Union for a dispute panel to review anti-dumping and countervailing duties imposed by the United States on imported olives from Spain. Members also agreed to Brazil's request for a panel to examine whether Indonesia has complied with an earlier WTO ruling regarding measures impeding the import of chicken meat and chicken products.

[\(WTO Press Release, June 24, 2019\)](#)

PANEL REPORTS ISSUED

WTO issues panel report regarding Russian restrictions on traffic in transit

On April 5, 2019, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Ukraine in “Russia - Measures Concerning Traffic in Transit” (DS512).

[\(WTO Press Release, April 5, 2019\)](#)

WTO issues panel report regarding US dumping duties on Canadian lumber

On April 9, 2019, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Canada in “United States - Anti-Dumping Measures Applying Differential Pricing Methodology to Softwood Lumber from Canada” (DS534).

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

WTO issues panel report regarding Chinese tariff rate quotas on agricultural imports

On April 18, 2019, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by the United States in “China - Tariff Rate Quotas for Certain Agricultural Products” (DS517).

[\(WTO Press Release, April 18, 2019\)](#)

WTO issues panel report regarding US state measures for renewable energy sector

On June 27, 2019, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by India in “United States - Certain Measures Relating to the Renewable Energy Sector” (DS510).

[\(WTO Press Release, June 27, 2019\)](#)

ADOPTED PANEL REPORTS

Members adopt national security ruling on Russian Federation's transit restrictions

The Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on April 26, 2019, formally adopted a panel ruling clarifying the use of national security exceptions to WTO rules as invoked in the trade dispute between the Russian Federation and Ukraine over transit restrictions.

[\(WTO Press Release, April 26, 2019\)](#)

APPELLATE BODY

Appellate Body issues report regarding Korean restrictions on Japanese food imports

On April 11, 2019, the Appellate Body issued its report in the case brought by Japan in “Korea — Import Bans, and Testing and Certification Requirements for Radionuclides” (DS495).

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

2. Other Developments

TRADE POLICY REVIEWS

Samoa

[\(WTO Press Release, April 10 and 12, 2019; Secretariat Report and Government Report, February 28, 2019\)](#)

Papua New Guinea

[\(WTO Press Release, May 8 and 10, 2019; Secretariat Report and Government Report, April 3, 2019\)](#)

Trinidad and Tobago

([WTO Press Release](#), May 22 and 24, 2019; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), May 7, 2019)

Canada

([WTO Press Release](#), June 12 and 14, 2019; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), April 17, 2019)

II. EU Commercial Policy

1. Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy

EU COURTS

Certain footwear with uppers of leather originating in China

Interpretation and validity of regulations re-imposing anti-dumping duties following the delivery by the Court of a judgment declaring invalidity - Legal basis - Non-retroactivity - Limitation.

(Case C-612/16 *C & J Clark International*, [judgment](#) of June 19, 2019)

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

Hearing in the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/1429 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case T-607/15 *Yieh United Steel Corp. v. Commission*, report for the hearing)

Aspartame originating in China

The General Court dismissed 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*, [judgment](#) of June 28, 2019)

Indica rice originating in Cambodia and Myanmar/Burma

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/67 imposing safeguard measures.

(Case T-246/19 *Cambodia and Cambodia Rice Federation (CRF) v. Commission*, [OJ 2019 C 213/57](#))

Ammonium nitrate

- i Appeal against Commission Implementing Decision 2018/1703 terminating the partial interim review. (Case T-45/19 *Acron and Others v. Commission*, [OJ 2019 C 122/20](#))
- ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Lithuanian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice, among other things, on whether the statements set out in the preamble to Regulation 945/2005, that ‘if the nitrogen content of the product concerned exceeds 28% by weight, it consequently always contains more than 80% by weight of ammonium nitrate’, are to be regarded as a settled presumption enabling it to be concluded that, if the product concerned (ammonium nitrate fertilizer) contains 28% or more of nitrogen, its ammonium nitrate content is always more than 80%. (Case C-117/19 *AB ‘Linus Agro’*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2019 C 148/22](#) (see page 30))

Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron originating in India

- i The General Court annulled Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/388 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty, in so far as it concerns Jindal Saw. (Case T-301/16 *Jindal Saw and Jindal Saw Italia v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of April 10, 2019)
- ii The General Court annulled Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/387 imposing a definitive countervailing duty, in so far as it concerns Jindal Saw. (Case T-300/16 *Jindal Saw and Jindal Saw Italia v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of April 10, 2019)

Bicycles

- i Importation of bicycles shipped, inter alia, from Sri Lanka - Extension of the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of bicycles originating in China - Implementing Regulation 501/2013 - Validity - Admissibility of the reference for a preliminary ruling - Application of the TWD case-law. (Case C-251/18 *Trace Sport*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of April 9, 2019, available in French)
- ii Opinion by the Advocate General Pitruzzella advising the Court of Justice to annul the General Court’s judgment of October 10, 2017, in which the Court annulled Commission Implementing

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

(Case C-709/17 P *Commission v. Kolachi Raj Industrial*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of April 10, 2019)

Electric bicycles originating in China

i Order by the President of the General Court removing from the register a case 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 May 22, 2019)

ii Appeal against (i) Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/73 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty imposed on imports of electric bicycles originating in China, and (ii) Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/72 imposing a definitive countervailing duty.

((i) Case T-242/19 *Giant Electric Vehicle Kunshan v. Commission*, [OJ 2019 C 206/87](#); (ii) Case T-243/19 *Giant Electric Vehicle Kunshan v. Commission*, [OJ 2019 C 206/88](#))

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

The General Court dismissed 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*, [judgment](#) of May 8, 2019)

Recovery of anti-dumping duties on imports of silicon metal

The General Court dismissed the action seeking compensation for the damage allegedly suffered as a result of the request by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) that the authorities of the Member States recover anti-dumping duties for all consignments of silicon exported from Taiwan to the EU, in accordance with Council Regulation 398/2004 and Council Implementing Regulation 467/2010.

(Case T-631/16 *Remag Metallhandel and Jaschinsky v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of May 23, 2019)

Tartaric acid originating in China

Order by the President of the General Court granting Distillerie Bonollo, Industria Chimica Valenzana and Caviro Distillerie leave to intervene in the 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*, [order](#) of May 8, 2019)

Certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China

Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Dutch court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice, among other things, on whether Regulation 91/2009 is invalid in respect of an EU importer due to the infringement of Article 2(11) of Regulation 384/96 in so far as the Council, in determining the dumping margin for the relevant products of non-cooperating Chinese exporting producers, excluded the export transactions of certain types of the product from the comparison referred to in that article.

(Case C-104/19 *Donex Shipping and Forwarding*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2019 C 155/28](#) (see page 35))

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

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1690 imposing definitive countervailing duties and amending Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1579 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty and repealing Implementing Regulation 2018/163, in so far as it relates to the applicants and their relevant members.

(Case T-72/19 *CRIA and CCCMC v. Commission*, [OJ 2019 C 139/66](#) (see page 78))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/566 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports originating in Russia, South Korea and Malaysia

following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036 and terminating the investigation concerning the imports of the same product originating in Turkey.

[\(OJ 2019 L 99/9\)](#)

Certain grain-oriented flat-rolled products of silicon-electrical steel originating, inter alia, in Japan

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 133/34\)](#)

Ferro-silicon originating in Russia and China

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 123/9\)](#)

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/576 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty.

[\(OJ 2019 L 100/7\)](#)

Certain organic coated steel products originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulations 2019/688 and 2019/687 imposing a definitive (i) countervailing and (ii) anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 18 or 11(2) of Regulations 2016/1037 or 2016/1036.

(i) [OJ 2019 L 116/39](#); (ii) [OJ 2019 L 116/5](#))

Bioethanol originating in the US

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/765 repealing the anti-dumping duty and terminating the proceedings in respect of such imports, following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2019 L 126/4\)](#)

Certain aluminum foil in rolls originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/915 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review under Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2019 L 146/63\)](#)

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

Notice of re-opening of the investigations following the judgments of April 10, 2019, in cases T-300/16 and T-301/16, with regard to Commission Implementing Regulations 2016/387 and 2016/388 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and a definitive anti-dumping duty.

[\(OJ 2019 C 209/35\)](#)

Certain bicycle parts originating in China

Commission Implementing Decision 2019/1087 concerning exemptions from the extended anti-dumping duty pursuant to Regulation 88/97.

[\(OJ 2019 L 171/117\)](#)

Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1099 amending Council Implementing Regulation 412/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

[\(OJ 2019 L 175/14\)](#)

Welded tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of square or rectangular cross-section, of iron other than cast iron or steel other than stainless, originating in North Macedonia, Russia and Turkey

Commission Implementing Decision 2019/1109 terminating the proceeding.

[\(OJ 2019 L 175/39\)](#)

Continuous filament glass fiber products originating in Egypt

Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding.

[\(OJ 2019 C 192/30\)](#)

Citric acid originating in China

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 165/3\)](#)

Monosodium glutamate originating in China

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 165/4\)](#)

Monosodium glutamate originating in Indonesia

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 165/5\)](#)

Solar glass originating in China

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

(i) [OJ 2019 C 165/22](#); (ii) [OJ 2019 C 165/6](#)

Welded tubes and pipes of iron or non-alloy steel originating in Belarus, Russia and China

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 166/7\)](#)

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

Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding.

[\(OJ 2019 C 167/11\)](#)

Continuous filament glass fibre products originating in Bahrain and Egypt

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.

[\(OJ 2019 C 151/4\)](#)

Melamine originating in China

Notice concerning a change of the name of a company subject to the minimum import price for cooperating non-sampled companies.

[\(OJ 2019 C 140/9\)](#)

Sulphanilic acid originating in China

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 140/10\)](#)

Certain filament glass fiber products originating in China

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 141/3\)](#)

Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 176/24\)](#)

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

[\(OJ 2019 C 209/34\)](#)

2. Trade Barriers Regulation**Trade and investment barriers**

The Commission published the latest edition of the Trade and Investment Barriers Report (TIBR).

[\(Commission Press Release IP/19/2994, June 17, 2019; Summary, June 2019; Report, June 2019\)](#)

3. Generalized System of Preferences**Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP)**

i Commission inception impact assessment with respect to the future GSP Regulation granting trade advantages to developing countries.

[\(Inception impact assessment, May 13, 2019; Feedback page\)](#)

ii The Commission published the feedback received to its inception impact assessment on the future GSP Regulation granting trade advantages to developing countries.

[\(Feedback page\)](#)

4. Sanctions**EU COURTS****Congo**

Appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1940 and Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1931. (Case T-103/19 *Mende Omalanga v. Council*, notice of appeal: [OJ 2019 C 139/84](#) (see page 96); Case T-110/19 *Kazembe Musonda v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/92](#) (see page 104); Case T-111/19 *Boshab v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/92](#) (see page 104); Case T-112/19 *Kibelisa Ngambasai v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/93](#) (see page 105); Case T-113/19 *Kampete v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/94](#) (see page 106); Case T-116/19 *Kande Mupompa v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/96](#) (see page 108); Case T-117/19 *Kahimbi Kasagwe v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/96](#) (see page 108); Case T-118/19 *Amisi Kumba v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/97](#) (see page 109); Case T-119/19 *Mutondo v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/98](#) (see page 110); Case T-120/19 *Numbi v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/99](#) (see page 111); Case T-121/19 *Ruhorimbere v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/99](#) (see page 111); Case T-122/19 *Ramazani Shadary v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/100](#) (see page 112); Case T-123/19 *Kanyama v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/101](#) (see page 113); Case T-124/19

Ilunga Luyoyo v. Council, [OJ 2019 C 139/102](#) (see page 114))

Egypt

- i Appeal against the General Court's judgment of December 12, 2018, in which the 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 C-145/19 P *Mubarak v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 148/26](#) (see page 34))
- ii Appeal against the General Court's judgment of November 22, 2018, in which the 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.
(Case C-72/19 P *Saleh Thabet and Others v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 155/23](#) (see page 30))

Iran

- i The General Court dismissed the action for damages seeking compensation for the harm which the applicants claim to have suffered following the Council's imposition of restrictive measures.
(Case T-434/15 *Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines and Others v. Council*, [judgment](#) of May 8, 2019)
- ii 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 judgments of September 6, 2013.
(Case T-553/15 *Export Development Bank of Iran v. Council*, [judgment](#) of May 8, 2019, available in French)
- iii The General Court dismissed the action for damages allegedly sustained by the applicant as a result of Council Implementing Regulation 54/2012 implementing Regulation 961/2010, Council Regulation 267/2012 repealing Regulation 961/2010, and Council Implementing Regulation 709/2012 implementing Regulation 267/2012.
(Case T-37/17 *Bank Tejarat v. Council*, [judgment](#) of May 16, 2019)
- iv Appeal against the General Court's judgment of December 10, 2018, dismissing 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 C-134/19 P *Bank Refah Kargaran v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 172/12](#))

- v The General Court dismissed the action for damages allegedly sustained by the applicant as a result of the inclusion of its name on the list of designated persons and entities in Council Regulation 423/2007, Council Regulation 961/2010 repealing Regulation 423/2007, and Council Regulation 267/2012 repealing Regulation 961/2010.
(Case T-433/15 *Bank Saderat v. Council*, [judgment](#) of June 5, 2019)

Syria

- i The General Court dismissed the appeal against Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/1897 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2016/1893 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
(Case T-5/17 *Sharif v. Council*, [judgment](#) of April 4, 2019)
- ii Actions brought against the Council seeking compensation for the harm suffered by the applicants as a result of the adoption of Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and its subsequent implementing acts.
(Case T-55/19 *Cham Holding and Bena Properties v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/60](#) (see page 72); Case T-56/19 *Syriatel Mobile Telecom v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/61](#) (see page 73); Case T-57/19 *Makhlouf v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/61](#) (see page 73); Case T-58/19 *Othman v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/62](#) (see page 74); Case T-59/19 *Makhlouf v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/63](#) (see page 75); Case T-61/19 *Drex Technologies v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/64](#) (see page 76); Case T-62/19 *Almashreq Investment Fund v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 139/65](#) (see page 77))
- iii Action brought against the Council seeking compensation for the harm suffered by the applicant as a result of the adoption of Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP and its subsequent implementing acts.

- (Case T-137/19 *Souruh v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 148/58](#))
- iv Appeals against the General Court's judgments of December 12, 2018, dismissing the appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 and the subsequent measures implementing it.
(Case C-157/19 P *Makhlouf v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 172/15](#); Case C-158/19 P *Othman v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 172/16](#); Case C-159/19 P *Syriatel Mobile Telecom v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 172/17](#))
- v Appeal against Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/87 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2019/85 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
(Case T-178/19 *Kalai v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 182/34](#))
- vi Appeal against the General Court's judgment of January 16, 2019, dismissing 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 C-241/19 P *Haswani v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 187/47](#))
- vii Appeals against the General Court's judgments of January 16, 2019, dismissing the appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 and the subsequent measures implementing it.
(Case C-260/19 P *Bena Properties v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 187/49](#); Case C-261/19 P *Cham Holding v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 187/50](#))
- viii Appeals against Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/87 and Council Implementing Regulation 2019/85.
(Case T-186/19 *Zubedi v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 187/82](#); Case T-189/19 *Haykal v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 187/82](#))
- ix Appeals against the General Court's judgments of February 28, 2019, dismissing the appeals against

Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 and the subsequent measures implementing it.

- (Case C-348/19 P *Drex Technologies v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 213/21](#); Case C-349/19 P *Almashreq Investment Fund v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 213/22](#); Case C-350/19 P *Souruh v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 213/23](#))
- x Appeal against Council Implementing Regulation 2019/85 implementing Regulation 36/2012 and Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/87 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
(Case T-260/19 *Al-Tarazi v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 213/62](#))

Ukraine

Appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/354 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2019/352 implementing Regulation 208/2014.

- (Case T-295/19 *Klymenko v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 213/80](#); Case T-286/19 *Azarov v. Council*, [OJ 2019 C 213/78](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Cyber-attacks

- i The Council established a framework which allows the EU to impose targeted restrictive measures to deter and respond to cyber-attacks which constitute an external threat to the EU or its Member States, including cyber-attacks against third States or international organizations where restricted measures are considered necessary to achieve the objectives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP).
([Council Press Release](#), May 17, 2019)
- ii Council Regulation 2019/796 concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States.
([OJ 2019 L 129 I/1](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/797 concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States.
([OJ 2019 L 129 I/13](#))

Central African Republic

- i The Council transposed into EU law an update made by the UN related to a person designated under the Central African Republic sanctions regime.

- [\(Council Press Release](#), May 13, 2019)
- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/757 implementing Article 17(3) of Regulation 224/2014. [\(OJ 2019 L 125/1\)](#)
- iii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/763 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP. [\(OJ 2019 L 125/21\)](#)

Iran

- i The Council extended by one year its restrictive measures responding to serious human rights violations in Iran. [\(Council Press Release](#), April 8, 2019)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/562 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP. [\(OJ 2019 L 98/17\)](#)
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/560 implementing Regulation 359/2011. [\(OJ 2019 L 98/1\)](#)
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons to whom measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/562, and in Council Regulation 359/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/560, apply. [\(OJ 2019 C 132/1\)](#)
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP and Council Regulation 359/2011 apply. [\(OJ 2019 C 132/2\)](#)
- vi Notice for the attention of certain persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Council Regulation 267/2012. [\(OJ 2019 C 146/3\)](#)
- v Council Implementing Regulation 2019/855 implementing Regulation 267/2012. [\(OJ 2019 L 140/1\)](#)
- vi Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/870 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP. [\(OJ 2019 L 140/90\)](#)
- viii Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/870 and in Council Regulation 267/2012 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/855. [\(OJ 2019 C 183/1\)](#)

- ix Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Council Regulation 267/2012 apply. [\(OJ 2019 C 183/2\)](#)
- x The Council completed the review of the restrictive measures against Iran. [\(Council Press Release](#), May 27-28, 2019)

Iraq

- i Commission Implementing Regulations 2019/567 and 2019/808 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003. [\(OJ 2019 L 99/36](#); [OJ 2019 L 133/8](#))
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/596 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq. [\(OJ 2019 L 103/24\)](#)
- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1103 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003. [\(OJ 2019 L 175/31\)](#)

Libya

- i Council Decision 2019/539 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333. [\(OJ 2019 L 93/15\)](#)
- ii 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) 2019/539. [\(OJ 2019 C 123/6\)](#)
- iii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/539, apply. [\(OJ 2019 C 123/7\)](#)

Maldives

- i The Council decided to revoke the framework for restrictive measures against the Maldives that it adopted on July 16, 2018. [\(Council Press Release](#), June 17, 2019)
- ii Council Regulation 2019/985 repealing Regulation 2018/1001. [\(OJ 2019 L 160/1\)](#)
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/993 repealing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1006. [\(OJ 2019 L 160/25\)](#)

Myanmar/Burma

- i The Council prolonged the restrictive measures in place on Myanmar/Burma for one year.
([Council Press Release](#), April 29, 2019)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/678 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 114/18](#))
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/672 implementing Regulation 401/2013.
([OJ 2019 L 114/1](#))
- iv 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 2019 C 149/2](#))
- 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) 2019/678, and in Council Regulation 401/2013, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/672.
([OJ 2019 C 149/1](#))

North Korea

Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1083 amending Council Regulation 2017/1509.
([OJ 2019 L 171/8](#))

Syria

- i 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 140/2](#))
- ii The Council extended EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime by one year.
([Council Press Release](#), May 17, 2019)
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2019/798 implementing Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2019 L 132/1](#))
- iv Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/806 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 132/36](#))
- v Notice for the attention of persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and in Council Regulation 36/2012.
([OJ 2019 C 171/3](#))

- vi Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/806, and Council Regulation 36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2019/798, apply.
([OJ 2019 C 171/4](#))

Ukraine/Russia

- i 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 2019 C 192/23](#))
- ii The Council prolonged the restrictive measures introduced in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol by Russia until June 23, 2020.
([Council Press Release](#), June 20, 2019)
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1018 amending Decision 2014/386/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol.
([OJ 2019 L 165/69](#))
- iv The Council prolonged economic sanctions targeting specific sectors of the Russian economy.
([Council Press Release](#), June 27, 2019)
- v Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1108 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP.
([OJ 2019 L 175/38](#))

5. Other Measures**DG Trade**

The Commission decided to appoint Mr. Jean-Luc Demarty, the current Director-General of its trade department, as Hors Classe Adviser responsible for Multilateralism and WTO reform in the Secretariat-General.
([Commission Daily News](#), May 22, 2019)

Dual-use goods

EU ambassadors agreed the Council's negotiating position on a proposed recast of the regulation setting up a regime for the controls of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items.

([Council Press Release](#), June 5, 2019; [Mandate for negotiations](#), June 5, 2019)

Electronic commerce

- i Recommendation for a Council decision supplementing the negotiating directives for the Doha Development Agenda regarding the plurilateral negotiations of rules and commitments on electronic commerce.
([COM 2019/165](#), April 2, 2019; [Annex](#), April 2, 2019)
- ii The Council adopted a negotiating mandate to enable the Commission to participate in plurilateral negotiations on electronic commerce.
([Council Press Release](#), May 27, 2019)

Cultural goods

- i The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading on the draft regulation on the introduction and the import of cultural goods.
([Council Press Release](#), April 9, 2019)
- ii Regulation 2019/880 on the introduction and the import of cultural goods.
([OJ 2019 L 151/1](#))

Steel products

- i Notice concerning the potential combined effects of anti-dumping or anti-subsidy measures with the safeguard measures on certain steel products.
([OJ 2019 C 146/5](#))
- ii Notice of initiation concerning the review of the safeguard measures applicable to imports of certain steel products.
([OJ 2019 C 169/9](#))

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

Decision 2/2017 of the Joint Committee of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin amending the provisions of Appendix II of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin by introducing a possibility of duty drawback and of full cumulation in the trade covered by the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) involving Moldova and the participants in the EU's Stabilization and Association Process.
([OJ 2019 L 149/76](#))

Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)

- i Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/538 in support of activities of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the framework of

the implementation of the EU strategy against proliferation of WMD.

- ([OJ 2019 L 93/3](#))
- ii The Council endorsed the 2018 progress report on the EU strategy against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
([Council Press Release](#), April 8, 2019)
- iii The Council adopted a decision to finance a project in support of a process of confidence-building leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.
([Council Press Release](#), June 6, 2019)
- iv Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/938 in support of a process of confidence-building leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.
([OJ 2019 L 149/63](#))
- v Annual progress report on the implementation of the EU Strategy against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (2018).
([OJ 2019 C 202/1](#))
- vi Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1092 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2302 in support of the OPCW activities to assist clean-up operations at the former chemical weapons storage site in Libya in the framework of the implementation of the EU strategy against proliferation of WMD.
([OJ 2019 L 173/47](#))

Nuclear weapons

- i The Council decided on support activities leading up to the 2020 review conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).
([Council Press Release](#), April 15, 2019)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 on Union support for activities leading up to the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).
([OJ 2019 L 105/25](#))

Firearms

Commission Delegated Regulation 2019/686 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.

([OJ 2019 L 116/1](#))

Bananas

Commission Implementing Decision 2019/1005 determining that a temporary suspension of the preferential customs duty is not appropriate for imports of bananas originating in Nicaragua.

([OJ 2019 L 163/101](#))

Bilateral investment agreements

List of the bilateral investment agreements referred to in Article 4(1) of Regulation 1219/2012 establishing transitional arrangements for bilateral investment agreements between Member States and third countries.

([OJ 2019 C 198/1](#))

III. EC Customs Policy

EU COURTS

Customs Union

- i Common Customs Tariff - Classification of goods - Combined Nomenclature - Flat-screen LCD monitors capable of displaying signals from automatic data processing systems - Agreement on trade in information technology products.
(Case C-288/18 X, [judgment](#) of April 11, 2019, available in French)
- ii Regulation 2913/92 - Import procedures - Customs debt - Exemption - Dumping - Subsidies - Imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China - Implementing Regulations 1238/2013 and 1239/2013 imposing an anti-dumping duty and a countervailing duty - Exemptions.
(Case C-226/18 *Krohn & Schröder*, [judgment](#) of May 22, 2019)
- iii Regulation 2913/92 - Regulation 2454/93 - Determination of the customs value of the goods – Notion of "like goods" - Medicines - Taking into account of any factor that may affect the economic value of the medicinal product concerned - 90-day period within which the imported goods must be sold in the EU - Deadline – Absence of consideration of commercial rebates.
(Case C-1/18 *Oribalt Rīga*, [judgment](#) of June 20, 2018, available in French)

Common Customs Tariff

Tariff classification - Hearing aid connectors - Parts and accessories - Combined Nomenclature - Subheadings 8544 42 90, 9021 40 00 and 9021 90 10.

(Case C-138/18 *Skatteministeriet*, [judgment](#) of May 16, 2019)

Combined Nomenclature

- i Subheadings 8526 91 20 et 8528 59 00 - GPS navigation system.
(Case C-268/18 *SC Onlineshop*, [judgment](#) of May 2, 2019, available in French)
- ii The Court of Justice held that the Combined Nomenclature set out in Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87, as amended by Commission Implementing Regulation 1101/2014, must be interpreted as meaning that welded steel parts must, subject to the referring court's assessment of all the factual information available to it, be classified under CN heading 7307, as 'tube or pipe fittings'.
(Case C-306/18 *KORADO*, [judgment](#) of May 15, 2019)
- iii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a UK court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the validity of Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1140 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.
(Case C-182/19 *Pfizer Consumer Healthcare*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2019 C 172/18](#))

Customs Code

- i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Bulgarian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice, among other things, on whether Article 158(3) of Regulation 2454/93 provides an independent basis for the adjustment of the customs value via the addition of royalties or license fees to the price actually paid or payable for the imported goods, irrespective of the rule in Article 157 of Regulation 2454/93.
(Case C-76/19 *Direktor na Teritorialna direktsiya Yugozapadna Agentsiya "Mititsi"*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2019 C 155/24 \(see page 31\)](#))
- ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether Article 78(3) of Council Regulation 2913/92 is to be interpreted as meaning that, according to that provision, a customs declaration must be checked and corrected in such a way that the particulars relating to the declarant are

replaced by the designation of the person to whom an import license was issued for the imported goods, and this person is represented by the person who was named as the declarant in the customs declaration and who has submitted a power of attorney from the holder of the import license to the customs office.

(Case C-97/19 *Pfeifer & Langen*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2019 C 182/11](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Additional custom duties on products originating in the US

i The Council adopted a decision not to raise objections to a delegated action on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([Council Press Release](#), April 9, 2019)

ii Commission Delegated Regulation 2019/673 amending Regulation 2018/196 on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([OJ 2019 L 114/5](#))

Customs Code

i The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading on the amendment of Regulation 952/2013 to prolong the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code.

([Council Press Release](#), April 9, 2019)

ii 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](#))

iii Regulation 2019/632 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.

([OJ 2019 L 111/54](#))

iv Statement of the Commission relating to Regulation 2019/632 amending Regulation 952/2013 to prolong the transitional use of means other than electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code and to the joint statement of the European Parliament and the Council thereon.

([OJ 2019 C 145/1](#))

v Commission Delegated Regulation 2019/841 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.

([OJ 2019 L 138/76](#))

vi Commission implementing regulation amending and correcting Implementing Regulation 2015/2447 as regards certain rules on Authorized Economic Operators, surveillance for release for free circulation and exit from the customs territory of the Union.

([Draft act](#), June 14, 2019; [Annexes](#) 1-2, 2019)

vii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1026 on technical arrangements for developing, maintaining and employing electronic systems for the exchange of information and for the storage of such information under the Union Customs Code.

([OJ 2019 L 167/3](#))

Financial support for customs control equipment

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposed regulation establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the instrument for financial support for customs control equipment.

([Resolution](#), April 16, 2019)

'Customs' program for cooperation in the field of customs

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposed regulation establishing the 'Customs' program for cooperation in the field of customs.

([Resolution](#), April 16, 2019)

TIR Convention

The Council agreed on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU at the June 2019 session of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention as regards proposals to amend Articles 6 and 18, as well as Annex 9, of the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets.

([Council Press Release](#), May 17, 2019)

Customs law enforcement cooperation

The Council endorsed an updated strategy for the future customs law enforcement cooperation, in order to adapt to the rapidly evolving environment for customs authorities.

([Council Press Release](#), April 15, 2019; [Updated strategy](#), May 20, 2019)

Quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products

- i The Council adopted a regulation aimed at updating the list of autonomous tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products.
([Council Press Release](#), June 14, 2019)
- ii Council Regulation 2019/998 amending Regulation 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products.
([OJ 2019 L 163/13](#))
- iii Council Regulation 2019/999 amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products.
([OJ 2019 L 163/27](#))

Autonomous common customs tariff duties

The Council adopted a regulation aimed at updating the list of products for which autonomous common customs tariff duties are suspended.

([Council Press Release](#), June 14, 2019)

World Customs Organization Council

The Council adopted a decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the World Customs Organization Council with regard to a recommendation to amend the harmonized system nomenclature.

([Council Press Release](#), June 26, 2019)

Common Customs Tariff

- i Proposed Council regulation amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products.
([COM 2019/219](#), May 16, 2019; [Annexes 1-2](#), May 16, 2019)
- ii 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.
([Text](#) of regulation, June 4, 2019)

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

([Text](#) of regulation, June 4, 2019)

Common transit procedure

- i Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the EU/CTC Joint Committee established by the Convention of May 20, 1987, on a common transit procedure as regards amendments to that Convention.
([COM 2019/189](#), April 23, 2019; [Annex](#), April 23, 2019)
- ii Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the EU-CTC Joint Committee established by the 1987 Convention on a common transit procedure as regards amendments to that Convention.
([Text](#) of decision, June 11, 2019)
- iii The Council adopted the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the EU/CTC Joint Committee established by the 1987 Convention on a common transit procedure as regards a number of proposed amendments to that Convention.
([Council Press Release](#), June 18, 2019; [Text](#) of decision, June 11, 2019)

Harmonized System (HS) Nomenclature

Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the World Customs Organization Council in relation to a WCO Article 16 recommendation amending the HS.

([COM 2019/262](#), June 3, 2019)

Combined Nomenclature

- i Commission Implementing Regulations 2019/705, 2019/613, 2019/612, 2019/643 to 2019/647, 2019/822, 2019/823, 2019/921 to 2019/928, 2019/1082 and 2019/830 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.
([OJ 2019 L 105/8](#); [OJ 2019 L 105/5](#); [OJ 2019 L 110/1](#); [OJ 2019 L 110/4](#); [OJ 2019 L 110/7](#); [OJ 2019 L 110/10](#); [OJ 2019 L 110/13](#); [OJ 2019 L 120/8](#); [OJ 2019 L 134/13](#); [OJ 2019 L 134/16](#); [OJ 2019 L 137/26](#); [OJ 2019 L 148/1](#); [OJ 2019 L 148/4](#); [OJ 2019 L 148/7](#); [OJ 2019 L 148/10](#); [OJ 2019 L 148/13](#);

- [OJ 2019 L 148/16](#); [OJ 2019 L 148/19](#);
[OJ 2019 L 148/22](#); [OJ 2019 L 171/5](#))
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/648 repealing Implementing Regulation 113/2014 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.
[\(OJ 2019 L 110/16\)](#)
- iii Explanatory notes to the EU's Combined Nomenclature.
[\(OJ 2019 C 157/12](#); [OJ 2019 C 179/2](#);
[OJ 2019 C 179/3](#); [OJ 2019 C 179/4](#);
[OJ 2019 C 192/25](#))

IV. EU External Relations

A. Enlargement

2019 enlargement package

The Commission adopted its annual assessment of the implementation of reforms in the Western Balkan partners and Turkey, together with recommendations on the next steps for those countries.

[\(Commission Press Release IP/19/2752](#), May 29, 2019; Commission communication: [COM 2019/260](#), May 29, 2019; [Factsheet & Report](#) (Montenegro); [Factsheet & Opinion](#) (Bosnia and Herzegovina); [Factsheet & Report](#) (Turkey); [Factsheet & Report](#) (Serbia); [Factsheet & Report](#) (North Macedonia); [Factsheet & Report](#) (Kosovo); [Factsheet & Report](#) (Albania))

Enlargement and stabilization and association process

The Council adopted conclusions on the EU's enlargement policy and the stabilization and association process.

[\(Council Press Release](#), June 18, 2019; [Conclusions](#), June 18, 2019)

B. Multi- or Plurilateral

AMERICAS

EU/Mercosur

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

[\(Commission Daily News](#), April 5, 2019; [Report](#), April 2019)

EU/Central America

- i Commission evaluation and fitness check roadmap with respect to the EU/Central America association agreement.
[\(Evaluation roadmap](#), May 13, 2019; [Feedback page](#))
- ii The Commission published the feedback received to its evaluation and fitness check roadmap with respect to the EU/Central America association agreement.
[\(Feedback page\)](#)

EU/CARIFORUM

The Commission started a consultation on an evaluation of the CARIFORUM economic partnership agreement.

[\(Consultation page\)](#)

ASIA

EU/Central Asia

- i The Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy adopted a new joint communication outlining their vision for a renewed partnership with Central Asia and updating their strategy on relations with the region.
[\(Commission Press Release IP/19/2494](#), May 15, 2019; [Joint communication](#), May 15, 2019)
- ii The Council adopted conclusions on a new EU strategy on Central Asia, adapting the EU policy to new opportunities which have emerged in the region.
[\(Council Press Release](#), June 17, 2019; [Council conclusions](#), June 17, 2019)

AFRICA

EU/Eastern and Southern Africa States

- i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within 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.
[\(Text of decision](#), June 18, 2019)
- ii The Council adopted the EU position to be taken in ESA/EU EPA Committee regarding amendments of

certain provisions of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation.

([Council Press Release](#), June 25, 2019)

C. Bilateral

AFRICA

EU/Tunisia

i The Council adopted the EU’s common position in view of the upcoming meeting of the EU/Tunisia Association Council.

([Council Press Release](#), May 13, 2019)

ii The Commission published a report summarizing the progress made during the fourth round of negotiations between the EU and Tunisia for an agreement on a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA).

([Commission Press Release](#), June 5, 2019; [Report](#) available in French, May 3, 2019)

EU/Morocco

The Council approved a draft joint declaration by the EU and Morocco and a draft agenda in view of the fourteenth EU/Morocco Association Council.

([Council Press Release](#), June 26, 2019; [Joint declaration](#), June 27, 2019)

AMERICAS

EU/Canada

The Court of Justice held that the mechanism for the resolution of disputes between investors and States provided for by the free trade agreement between the EU and Canada (CETA) is compatible with EU law.

([Opinion](#) of the Court, April 30, 2019; [Court Press Release](#), April 30, 2019; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/2334, April 30, 2019)

EU/Chile

i The Commission published two EU negotiating textual proposals with respect to (i) good regulatory practices and (ii) transparency, in the context of the negotiations for a new, modernized trade agreement between the EU and Chile.

([Commission Press Release](#), April 1, 2019; (i) [EU textual proposal](#), April 2019; (ii) [EU textual proposal](#), April 2019)

ii The Commission published a report summarizing the progress made during the fourth round of negotiations between the EU and Chile for modernizing the trade part of the EU/Chile association agreement.

([Commission Daily News](#), April 17, 2019; [Report](#), April 17, 2019)

EU/US

The Council approved mandates for the Commission to open negotiations with the US on the elimination of tariffs for industrial goods and on conformity assessment.

([Council Press Release](#), April 15, 2019)

ASIA

EU/Indonesia

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

([Commission Daily News](#), April 5, 2019; [Report](#), April 2019)

EU/Japan

i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Joint Committee established under the EU/Japan agreement 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 Code of Conduct for Arbitrators and the Mediation Procedure.

([Text](#) of decision, April 1, 2019)

ii The Council adopted a decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the joint committee established under the EU/Japan economic partnership agreement, as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure.

([Council Press Release](#), April 9, 2019)

iii Council Decision 2019/614 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within 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 Code of Conduct for Arbitrators and the Mediation Procedure.

([OJ 2019 L 105/11](#))

iv Decision 1/2019 of the Joint Committee of the EU/Japan economic partnership agreement.

[\(OJ 2019 L 167/81\)](#)

EU/Pakistan

The Council authorized the signature of the EU/Pakistan strategic engagement plan on behalf of the EU.

[\(Council Press Release](#), April 8, 2019)

EU/Vietnam

i The Council authorized the opening of negotiations with Vietnam for an agreement to establish a framework for its participation in EU crisis management operations.

[\(Council Press Release](#), April 8, 2019)

ii Council decisions on (i) the signing and (ii) the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the EU/Vietnam investment protection agreement.

(i) [Text](#) of decision, May 7, 2019; (ii) [Text](#) of decision, May 7, 2019)

iii Council Decision 2019/854 on the conclusion of the voluntary partnership agreement between the EU and Vietnam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade.

[\(OJ 2019 L 147/1\)](#)

iv Council decisions on (i) the signing, on behalf of the EU, and (ii) the conclusion of the EU/Vietnam free trade agreement.

(i) [Text](#) of decision, June 14, 2019; (ii) [Text](#) of decision, June 14, 2019)

v The Council adopted decisions on the signature of the EU/Vietnam free trade agreement and the investment protection agreement.

[\(Council Press Release](#), June 25, 2019; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/3388, June 25, 2019)

vi Council Decision 2019/1096 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the investment protection agreement between the EU and Vietnam.

[\(OJ 2019 L 175/1\)](#)

EU/Philippines

Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Joint Committee established by the framework agreement on partnership and cooperation between the EU and the Philippines, as regards the adoption of decisions on the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and of the terms of reference of the specialized subcommittees.

[\(COM 2019/199](#), April 29, 2019; [Annexes](#), April 29, 2019)

EU/South Korea

i Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU, in the Working Group on Geographical indications set up by the EU/South Korea free trade agreement, as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure.

[\(COM 2019/181](#), April 12, 2019; [Annex](#), April 12, 2019)

ii Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU, within the Working Group on Geographical Indications established by the free trade agreement between the EU and South Korea, as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure.

[\(Text](#) of decision, May 13, 2019)

iii The Council adopted a decision on the position to be taken by the EU, within the working group on geographical indications established by the EU/South Korea free trade agreement, as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure.

[\(Council Press Release](#), May 17, 2019)

iv Council Decision 2019/845 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU, within the Working Group on Geographical Indications established by the EU/South Korea free trade agreement, as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure.

[\(OJ 2019 L 138/84\)](#)

v Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Trade Committee established by the free trade agreement between the EU and Korea, as regards the amendment of Appendices 2-C-2 and 2-C-3 of Annex 2-C of the agreement.

[\(COM 2019/272](#), June 12, 2019; [Annex](#), June 12, 2019)

EUROPE

EU/Switzerland

Council conclusions on EU relations with Switzerland.

[\(OJ 2019 C 147/2\)](#)

EU/Ukraine

i Decision 1/2019 of the EU/Ukraine Association Committee in trade configuration on the establishment of the list of arbitrators referred to in Article 323(1) of the association agreement between the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, and Ukraine.

[\(OJ 2019 L 120/31\)](#)

- ii Proposed Council decision on (i) the signing, and (ii) the conclusion of the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the EU and Ukraine amending the trade preferences for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations provided for by the EU/Ukraine association agreement.
(i) [COM 2019/268](#), June 12, 2019; [Annex](#), June 12, 2019; (ii) [COM 2019/267](#), June 12, 2019; [Annex](#), June 12, 2019)

EU/Armenia

- i The EU published a report on developments in Armenia and EU/Armenia relations between June 2018 and early May 2019.
([Commission Press Release](#) IP/19/2651, May 21, 2019; [Joint staff working document](#), May 20, 2019)
- ii The Council adopted its position in view of the second EU/Armenia Partnership Council.
([Council Press Release](#), June 6, 2019)

MIDDLE EAST

EU/Jordan

The Council adopted the EU's common position in view of the thirteenth EU/Jordan Association Council.
([Council Press Release](#), June 14, 2019)

OCEANIA

EU/Australia

- i The Commission published a report summarizing the progress made during the third round of negotiations for a free trade agreement between the EU and Australia.
([Commission Daily News](#), April 17, 2019; [Report](#))
- ii The Commission published a textual proposal with regards to trade and sustainable development.
([Textual proposal](#), February 25, 2019)

EU/New Zealand

- i The EU and New Zealand completed the fourth round of negotiations for a trade agreement.
([Commission Press Release](#), June 7, 2019; [Report](#))
- ii The Commission published a number of textual proposals with regard to trade in wine, aromatized wine products and spirit drinks, anticompetitive conduct, merger control and subsidies, and motor vehicles and equipment and parts thereof.
([Textual proposal](#), May 6, 2019; [Textual proposal](#), April 5, 2019; [Textual proposal](#), January 29, 2019)

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