

*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 2020.*

## I. WTO

### 1. Dispute Settlement

#### **Egypt launches safeguard investigation on raw aluminium**

On April 22, 2020, Egypt notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on April 16, 2020, a safeguard investigation on raw aluminium.

[\(WTO Press Release, April 22, 2020\)](#)

#### **South Africa launches safeguard investigation on bolts with hexagon heads of iron or steel**

On May 21, 2020, South Africa notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on May 15, 2020, a safeguard investigation on bolts with hexagon heads of iron or steel.

[\(WTO Press Release, May 21, 2020\)](#)

#### **Turkey launches safeguard investigation on staple fibres of polyesters**

On June 8, 2020, Turkey notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on May 30, 2020, a safeguard investigation on staple fibres of polyesters.

[\(WTO Press Release, June 8, 2020\)](#)

#### **Indonesia launches safeguard investigation on carpets and other textile floor coverings**

On June 12, 2020, Indonesia notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on June 10, 2020, a safeguard investigation on carpets and other textile floor coverings.

[\(WTO Press Release, June 12, 2020\)](#)

#### **Ukraine launches safeguard investigation on fresh cut roses**

On June 12, 2020, Ukraine notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on May 28, 2020, a safeguard investigation on fresh cut roses.

[\(WTO Press Release, June 12, 2020\)](#)

#### **Turkey launches safeguard investigation on polyethylene terephthalate chips**

On June 16, 2020, Turkey notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on June 11, 2020, a safeguard investigation on polyethylene terephthalate chips.

[\(WTO Press Release, June 16, 2020\)](#)

#### **The Philippines launches three safeguard investigations: on aluminum zinc sheets, coils and strips; on prepainted galvanized iron and prepainted aluminum zinc; and on galvanized iron sheets, coils and strips**

On June 19, 2020, the Philippines notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated three safeguard investigations: (i) on aluminum zinc sheets, coils and strips; (ii) on prepainted galvanized iron and prepainted aluminum zinc; and (iii) on galvanized iron sheets, coils and strips.

[\(WTO Press Release, June 19, 2020\)](#)

#### **South Africa launches safeguard investigation on "U, I, H, L and T sections of iron or non-alloy steel"**

On June 23, 2020, South Africa notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on June 19, 2020, a safeguard investigation on "U, I, H, L and T sections of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded, of a height of 80 mm or more and other angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded".

[\(WTO Press Release, June 23, 2020\)](#)

### **PANELS ESTABLISHED**

#### **Panels established to review Indian tech tariffs, Colombian duties on fries**

WTO members agreed at a meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on 29 June to a request from the European Union for a dispute panel to examine India's tariffs on certain high-tech goods. The DSB also agreed to an EU request for a panel to review Colombia's anti-dumping duties on frozen fries from Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

[\(WTO Press Release, June 29, 2020\)](#)



## PANEL REPORTS ISSUED

### **Appellate Body issues reports regarding tobacco plain packaging requirements**

On June 9, 2020, the Appellate Body issued its reports in the cases brought by Honduras and the Dominican Republic in “Australia — Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging” (DS435 and DS441).

([WTO Press Release](#), June 9, 2020)

### **WTO issues panel report on Saudi Arabia’s protection of intellectual property rights**

On June 16, 2020, the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by Qatar in “Saudi Arabia - Measures concerning the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights” (DS567).

([WTO Press Release](#), June 16, 2020)

## ARBITRATION REPORTS

### **WTO Arbitrator determines “reasonable period of time” in Ukraine-Russia dumping dispute**

On April 8, 2020, an Arbitrator issued his award regarding the “reasonable period of time” for implementing the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in the dispute “Ukraine — Anti-Dumping Measures on Ammonium Nitrate” (WT/DS493).

([WTO Press Release](#), April 8, 2020)

## **2. Other Developments**

### **Multilateral trading system**

i The Council approved the multi-party interim appeal arbitration arrangement (MPIA), a new system that will allow the EU, together with other participating WTO members, to overcome the current paralysis of the WTO’s Appellate Body and solve trade disputes amongst themselves.

([Council Press Release](#), April 15, 2020)

ii The EU puts forward its candidate for the pool of arbitrators in the multi-party interim appeal arbitration arrangement and encourages more WTO members to join.

([Commission Press Release](#), May 13, 2020)

## **II. EU Commercial Policy**

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

#### EU COURTS

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

Definitive anti-dumping duty - Dumping margin calculation - Calculation of the injury margin - Determination of injury.

(Case T-383/17 *Hansol Paper v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of April 2, 2020)

##### **Tartaric acid originating in China**

Opinion of the Advocate General Tanchev advising the Court of Justice (i) to annul the General Court’s judgment of May 3, 2018, annulling Council Implementing Regulation 626/2012 amending Council Implementing Regulation 349/2012 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty, and maintaining the anti-dumping duty imposed by Implementing Regulation 626/2012 as regards Ninghai Organic Chemical Factory’s goods, until the Commission and the Council have adopted the measures necessary to comply with this judgment, and (ii) refer the case back to the General Court.

(Case C-461/18 P *Changmao Biochemical Engineering*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of April 23, 2020)

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

Appeals against Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/2092 imposing a definitive countervailing duty.

(Case T-143/20 *PT Pelita Agung Agrindustri and PT Permata Hijau Palm Oleo v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 129/27](#); Case T-111/20 *PT Wilmar Bioenergi Indonesia and Others v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 129/15](#); Case T-138/20 *PT Ciliandra Perkasa v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 129/26](#))

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

Appeal against the General Court’s judgment of December 3, 2019, dismissing the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/1429 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case C-79/20 P *Yieh United Steel Corp. v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 103/17](#))

**Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China**

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/2131 amending Implementing Regulation 2019/1198 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11 (2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

(Case T-144/20 *Guangxi Xin Fu Yuan v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 161/53](#))

**OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS****Peroxosulphates (persulphates) originating in China**

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/477 amending Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/39 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

[\(OJ 2020 L 100/25\)](#)

**Certain hot rolled stainless steel sheets and coils originating in Indonesia, China and Taiwan**

i The Commission imposed provisional anti-dumping duties.

[\(Commission Daily News](#), April 8, 2020)

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/508 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty.

[\(OJ 2020 L 110/3\)](#)

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

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

[\(OJ 2020 C 210/29\)](#)

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

[\(OJ 2020 C 210/28\)](#)

iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/526 re-imposing a definitive countervailing duty as regards Jindal Saw Limited following the judgment of the General Court in T-300/16.

[\(OJ 2020 L 118/1\)](#)

iv Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/527 re-imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty as regards Jindal Saw Limited following the judgment of the General Court in T-301/16.

[\(OJ 2020 L 118/14\)](#)

**Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China**

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/881 accepting a request for new exporting producer treatment with regard to the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China by Implementing Regulation 2019/1198.

[\(OJ 2020 L 203/65\)](#)

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/571 amending Implementing Regulation 2019/1198 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty, as amended by Implementing Regulation 2019/2131, and repayment of duties collected.

[\(OJ 2020 L 132/7\)](#)

**Certain bicycle parts originating in China**

i Commission Implementing Decision 2020/676 concerning exemptions from the extended anti-dumping duty on certain bicycle parts originating in China pursuant to Regulation 88/97.

[\(OJ 2020 L 158/7\)](#)

ii Commission Implementing Decision 2020/588 concerning exemptions from the extended anti-dumping duty pursuant to Regulation 88/97.

[\(OJ 2020 L 138/8\)](#)

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/611 re-imposing the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation 91/2009 on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China to imports of certain iron or steel fasteners consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not.

[\(OJ 2020 L 141/1\)](#)

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/776 imposing definitive countervailing duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in China and Egypt and amending Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/492 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in China and Egypt.

[\(OJ 2020 L 189/1\)](#)

**Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey**

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/658 amending Implementing Regulation 2015/309 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty on imports of certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey following an interim review pursuant to Article 19(4) of Regulation 2016/1037.  
([OJ 2020 L 155/3](#))
- ii Notice regarding change of name of a company subject to the countervailing duty rate for non-sampled cooperating companies.  
([OJ 2020 C 156/10](#))

**Continuous filament glass fibre products**

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/870 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and definitively collecting the provisional countervailing duty imposed on imports of continuous filament glass fibre products originating in Egypt, and levying the definitive countervailing duty on the registered imports of continuous filament glass fibre products originating in Egypt.  
([OJ 2020 L 201/10](#))
- ii Commission Implementing Decision 2020/727 terminating the anti-dumping proceeding.  
([OJ 2020 L 170/17](#))

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/705 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty.  
([OJ 2020 L 164/28](#))

**Certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands) originating in China**

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures.  
([OJ 2020 C 185/5](#))

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

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/738 amending Implementing Regulation 2019/1286 imposing a definitive countervailing duty.  
([OJ 2020 L 175/1](#))

**Certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Turkey**

- i Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding.  
([OJ 2020 C 197/4](#))
- ii Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.  
([OJ 2020 C 166/9](#))

**2. Trade Barriers Regulation****Trade and Investment Barriers**

Commission report on trade and investment barriers.  
([COM 2020/236](#), June 15, 2020)

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

Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/550 amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation 978/2012 as regards the temporary withdrawal of the arrangements referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation 978/2012 in respect of certain products originating in Cambodia.  
([OJ 2020 L 127/1](#))

**4. Sanctions****EU COURTS****Democratic Republic of the Congo**

- i Appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2109 and Council Implementing Regulation 2019/2101.  
(Case T-95/20 *Kazembe Musonda v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/7](#); Case T-97/20 *Kande Mupompa v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/8](#); Case T-101/20 *Ilunga Luyoyo v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/9](#); Case T-102/20 *Kampete v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/10](#); Case T-103/20 *Mutondo v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/10](#); Case T-104/20 *Ramazani Shadary v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/11](#); Case T-105/20 *Ruhorimbere v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/11](#); Case T-106/20 *Amisi Kumba v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/12](#); Case T-107/20 *Boshab v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/13](#); Case T-108/20 *Kahimbi Kasagwe v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/13](#); Case T-109/20 *Numbi v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/14](#); Case T-110/20 *Kanyama v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 129/14](#))

- ii Order of the President of the General Court removing from the register the appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1940 and Council Implementing Regulation 2018/1931.

(Joined Cases T-103/19, T-110/19 to T-113/19, T-116/19 to T-124/19 *Mende Omalanga and Others v. Council*, [order](#) of April 17, 2020, available in French)

### Iran

Appeal — Action for damages — Restrictive measures taken against Iran — Article 29 TEU — Article 215 TFEU — Jurisdiction of the Court to hear an action seeking compensation — Compensation for the damage allegedly suffered by the applicant as a result of the inclusion of its name in various lists of restrictive measures — Possibility of obtaining compensation for a breach of the obligation to state reasons.

(Case C-134/19 P *Bank Refah Kargaran v. Council*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of May 28, 2020)

### Syria

- i Appeal against Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/212 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2020/211 implementing Regulation 36/2012.

(Case T-218/20 *Alkattan v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 201/49](#))

- ii Appeal against Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/212 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2020/211 implementing Regulation 36/2012.

(Case T-249/20 *Sabra v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 215/55](#))

- iii Appeal against Council Regulation 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation 442/2011; Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria; Council Implementing Regulation 2020/211 implementing Regulation 36/2012; and Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/212 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

(Case T-203/20 *Al-Imam v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 201/45](#))

### Ukraine

Freezing of funds - List of persons, entities and bodies covered by the freezing of funds and economic resources - Maintenance of the applicant's name on the list - Council's obligation to verify that the decision of an authority of a third State was taken in accordance with the rights of the defence and the right to effective judicial protection.

(Case T-295/19 *Klymenko v. Council*, [judgment](#) of June 25, 2020)

## OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

### EU sanctions

The Commission published an opinion that clarifies how existing financial sanctions should be interpreted in particular as regards the freezing of assets.

([Commission Press Release](#), June 19, 2020; [Commission opinion](#), June 19, 2020)

### Central African Republic

- i Council Implementing Regulation 2020/582 of April 28, 2020, implementing Article 17(1) of Regulation 224/2014.

([OJ 2020 L 137/1](#))

- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/584 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP.

([OJ 2020 L 137/5](#))

- iii Notice for the attention of the person subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/584, and Council Regulation 224/2014, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/582.

([OJ 2020 C 140/1](#))

- iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP and Council Regulation 224/2014 apply.

([OJ 2020 C 140/3](#))

- v Council Implementing Regulation 2020/716 implementing Article 17(3) of Regulation 224/2014.

([OJ 2020 L 168/61](#))

- vi Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/720 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP.

([OJ 2020 L 168/126](#))

**Cyber-attacks**

Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/651 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/797.

[\(OJ 2020 L 153/4\)](#)

**Iran**

i Council Implementing Regulation 2020/510 implementing Regulation 359/2011.

[\(OJ 2020 L 113/1\)](#)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/512 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2020 L 113/22\)](#)

iii Notice for the attention of the persons to whom measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/512, and in Council Regulation 359/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/510, apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 117/1\)](#)

iv 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.

[\(OJ 2020 C 117/2\)](#)

v 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 concerning restrictive measures against Iran.

[\(OJ 2020 C 148/1\)](#)

vi Council Implementing Regulation 2020/847 implementing Regulation 267/2012.

[\(OJ 2020 L 196/1\)](#)

vii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/849 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2020 L 196/8\)](#)

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) 2020/849 and in Council Regulation 267/2012 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/847 concerning restrictive measures against Iran.

[\(OJ 2020 C 205/10\)](#)

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 concerning restrictive measures against Iran apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 205/11\)](#)

**Libya**

i Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/458 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

[\(OJ 2020 L 97/13\)](#)

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) 2020/458.

[\(OJ 2020 C 102/3\)](#)

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) 2020/458, apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 102/4\)](#)

**Myanmar/Burma**

i Council Implementing Regulation 2020/562 implementing Regulation 401/2013.

[\(OJ 2020 L 130/23\)](#)

ii Council Decision 2020/563 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2020 L 130/25\)](#)

iii 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) 2020/563, and in Regulation 401/2013, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/562.

[\(OJ 2020 C 133/2\)](#)

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.

[\(OJ 2020 C 133/4\)](#)

**Nicaragua**

i Council Implementing Regulation 2020/606 implementing Regulation 2019/1716.

[\(OJ 2020 L 139 I/1\)](#)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/607 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720.

[\(OJ 2020 L 139 I/4\)](#)

iii Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/607, and in Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1716, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/606.

[\(OJ 2020 C 146 I/1\)](#)

iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 and Council Regulation 2019/1716 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 146 I/3\)](#)

#### North Korea

i Council Implementing Regulation 2020/730 implementing Regulation 2017/1509.

[\(OJ 2020 L 172 I/1\)](#)

ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/733 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.

[\(OJ 2020 L 172 I/15\)](#)

#### Yemen

i Council Regulation 2020/488 amending Regulation 1352/2014.

[\(OJ 2020 L 105/1\)](#)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/490 amending Decision 2014/932/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2020 L 105/7\)](#)

#### Syria

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

[\(OJ 2020 C 124/2\)](#)

ii The Council extended EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime for one additional year, until June 1, 2021.

[\(Council Press Release, May 28, 2020\)](#)

iii 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.

[\(OJ 2020 C 180/10\)](#)

iv 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) 2020/719 and Council Regulation

36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/716 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 180/11\)](#)

v Council Implementing Regulation 2020/716 implementing Regulation 36/2012.

[\(OJ 2020 L 168/1\)](#)

vi Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/719 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2020 L 168/66\)](#)

#### 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 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.

[\(OJ 2020 C 193/29\)](#)

ii The Council decided to renew the sanctions introduced in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol by the Russian Federation until 23 June 2021.

[\(Council Press Release, June 18, 2020\)](#)

iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/850 amending Decision 2014/386/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol.

[\(OJ 2020 L 196/12\)](#)

iv The Council decided to renew the sanctions targeting specific economic sectors of the Russian Federation for a further six months, until 31 January 2021.

[\(Council Press Release, June 29, 2020\)](#)

#### Venezuela

i The Council added 11 leading Venezuelan officials to the list of those subject to restrictive measures, because of their role in acts and decisions undermining democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela.

[\(Council Press Release, June 29, 2020\)](#)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/898 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074.

[\(OJ 2020 L 205 I/6\)](#)

- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/897 implementing Regulation 2017/2063.  
([OJ 2020 L 205 I/1](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/898, and in Council Regulation 2017/2063, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/897 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela.  
([OJ 2020 C 216/1](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 and Council Regulation 2017/2063 concerning restrictive measures against Venezuela apply.  
([OJ 2020 C 216/3](#))

## 5. Other Measures

### COVID-19

- i The Commission publishes second report on impact of coronavirus on EU trade.  
([Commission Press Release](#), May 29, 2020; [Report](#))
- ii The Commission backs international initiative to facilitate trade in healthcare products.  
([Commission Press Release](#), June 15, 2020; [Concept paper](#), June 11, 2020; [Introductory remarks](#) by Commissioner Hogan, June 15, 2020)
- iii The Commission published a report on the impact of coronavirus on EU trade.  
([Commission Press Release](#), April 23, 2020; [Report](#), April 17, 2020)

### EU trade policy review

The Commission launched a major review of the European Union's trade policy, including a public consultation seeking input from the European Parliament, Member States, stakeholders and civil society.  
([Commission Press Release](#), June 16, 2020; [Consultation note](#), June 16, 2020; [Feedback page](#))

### International trade rules

European ambassadors meeting in Coreper approved the Council's position on amending a regulation concerning the application and enforcement of international trade rules by the EU.  
([Council Press Release](#), April 8, 2020)

### Trade defense

38th annual report from the Commission on the EU's Anti-Dumping, Anti-Subsidy and Safeguard activities and the Use of trade defense instruments by Third Countries targeting the EU in 2019.  
([COM 2020/164](#), April 30, 2020; [Commission Press Release](#), May 4, 2020)

### Bilateral investment agreements

- i Commission report on the application of Regulation 1219/2012 establishing transitional arrangements for bilateral investment agreements between Member States and third countries.  
([COM 2020/134](#), April 6, 2020)
- ii 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 2020 C 179/1](#))
- iii EU Member States sign an agreement for the termination of intra-EU bilateral investment treaties.  
([Commission Press Release](#), May 5, 2020)
- iv Agreement for the termination of BITs between the Member States of the EU.  
([OJ 2020 L 169/1](#))

### Steel and aluminium products

- i The Commission introduces new monitoring system for steel and aluminium imports.  
([Commission Press Release](#), May 15, 2020)
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/894 amending Implementing Regulation 2019/159 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products.  
([OJ 2020 L 206/27](#))

### Foreign direct investment

- i The Commission adopted a White Paper on foreign subsidies in the Single Market.  
([Commission Press Release](#), June 17, 2020; White paper: [COM 2020/253](#), June 17, 2020; [Feedback page](#); [Statement](#) by Commissioner Vestager, June 17, 2020)
- ii Commission delegated regulation amending the Annex to Regulation 2019/452 establishing a framework for the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union.  
([Commission Feedback Page](#))



**Conflict minerals**

Commission delegated regulation amending Annex I to Regulation 2017/821 by establishing volume thresholds for tantalum or niobium ores and concentrates, gold ores and concentrates, tin oxides and hydroxides, tantalates and carbides of tantalum.

[\(Draft act, June 25, 2020\)](#)

**Certain products originating in the US**

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/502 on certain commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the US.

[\(OJ 2020 L 109/10\)](#)

**Torture products**

Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/621 amending Annexes I and V to 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.

[\(OJ 2020 L 144/1\)](#)

**Arms exports**

Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/794 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/101 on the promotion of effective arms export controls.

[\(OJ 2020 L 193/13\)](#)

**Small arms and light weapons (SALW)**

Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/904 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 as regards the expiry date for support of OSCE activities relating to the reduction of small arms, light weapons and conventional ammunition in the Republic of North Macedonia and in Georgia.

[\(OJ 2020 L 207/34\)](#)

**Nuclear weapons**

Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/906 amending 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).

[\(OJ 2020 L 207/36\)](#)

**Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)**

i Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/755 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/2383 on the Union support for the International Atomic Energy Agency activities in the areas of nuclear security and in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy

against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

[\(OJ 2020 L 179 1/2\)](#)

ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/795 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 in support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

[\(OJ 2020 L 193/14\)](#)

iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/796 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1252 in support of the strengthening of chemical safety and security in Ukraine in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

[\(OJ 2020 L 193/15\)](#)

iv Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/564 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/298 on Union support for the activities of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) in order to strengthen its monitoring and verification capabilities and in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

[\(OJ 2020 L 130/27\)](#)

v Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/901 on Union support for the activities of the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear- Test-Ban Treaty Organisation (CTBTO) in order to strengthen its monitoring and verification capabilities and in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

[\(OJ 2020 L 207/15\)](#)

## III. EC Customs Policy

### EU COURTS

**Customs Code**

i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Lithuanian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether Articles 29(1) and 32(1)(e)(i) of Council Regulation 2913/92 and Articles 70(1) and 71(1)(e)(i) of Regulation 952/2013 are to be

interpreted as meaning that the transaction (customs) value must be adjusted to include all the costs actually incurred by the seller (producer) in transporting the goods to the place where they were brought into the customs territory of the EU when (i) under the delivery conditions the obligation to cover those costs was borne by the seller (producer), and (ii) those costs of transport exceeded the price that was agreed upon and was actually paid (payable) by the buyer (importer), but (iii) the price actually paid (payable) by the buyer (importer) corresponded to the real value of the goods, even if that price was insufficient to cover all the costs of transport incurred by the seller (producer).

(Case C-75/20 *Lifosa*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 137/38](#))

- ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the interpretation of the second indent of Article 239(1) of Council Regulation 2913/92.

(Case C-92/20 *Rottendorf Pharma*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 201/12](#))

- iii Reference for a preliminary ruling of a Dutch court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether Articles 103(3)(b) and 124(1)(a) of Regulation 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code (1) applicable to a customs debt that was incurred before May 2016 and whose period of limitation had not yet expired as of that date.

(Case C-39/20 *Staatssecretaris van Financiën*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 201/8](#))

- iv Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether the second subparagraph of Article 71(1) of Council Directive 2006/112 is to be interpreted as meaning that Article 87(4) of Regulation 952/2013 can be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the recovery of VAT (import turnover tax).

(Case C-7/20 *Hauptzollamt Münster*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 137/30](#))

#### Common Customs Tariff

- i Combined Nomenclature - Tariff classification - Tariff heading 7407 - Copper bars, rods and profiles - Hot-rolled copper or copper alloy ingots in a rectangular shape.

(Case C-340/19 *Hydro Energo*, [judgment](#) of June 18, 2020)

- ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Bulgarian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice with regard to the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature in Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/1754 amending Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff.

(Case C-76/20 *Balev Bio EOOD v. Agentsia 'Mitnitsi', Teritorialna Direktsia Severna Morska*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 161/34](#))

- iii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Dutch court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether planed wooden boards the four corners of which have been rounded over the entire length of the board, are to be regarded as being 'continuously shaped' and accordingly should be classified under tariff heading 4409 or can the rounding of the corners not be regarded as being 'continuously shaped' and should the goods therefore be classified under tariff heading 4407.

(Case C-62/20 *NV Vogel Import Export*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 201/9](#))

- iii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature set out in Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, as amended by Commission Regulation 861/2010.

(Case C-670/19 *Gardinia Home Decor GmbH v. Hauptzollamt Ulm*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 161/14](#))

#### OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

##### COVID-19

- i The Commission decided to approve requests from Member States and the UK to temporarily waive customs duties and VAT on the import of medical devices and protective equipment from third countries, in order to help in the fight against coronavirus.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/575, April 3, 2020)

- ii Commission Decision 2020/491 on relief from import duties and VAT exemption on importation granted for goods needed to combat the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak during 2020.

([OJ 2020 L 103 I/1](#))

**Customs Code**

- i Draft Commission implementing regulation amending Implementing Regulation 2015/2447 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code.  
([Feedback page](#))
- ii Commission evaluation roadmap with regard to the interim evaluation of the Union Customs Code.  
([Feedback page](#))
- iii Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/877 amending and correcting Delegated Regulation 2015/2446 supplementing Regulation 952/2013, and amending Delegated Regulation 2016/341 supplementing Regulation 952/2013, laying down the Union Customs Code.  
([OJ 2020 L 203/1](#))
- iv Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/893 amending Implementing Regulation 2015/2447 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code.  
([OJ 2020 L 206/8](#))
- v Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/750 establishing a procedure for extending the transition period provided for in Implementing Regulation 2015/2447 for the application of the registered exporter system in some beneficiary countries of the Generalised System of Preferences.  
([OJ 2020 L 178/21](#))

**Common transit procedure**

Decision 1/2019 of the EU/CTC Joint Committee established by the Convention of 1987 on a common transit procedure of December 4, 2019, amending that Convention.

([OJ 2020 L 103/47](#))

**Tariff quotas**

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

([COM 2020/157](#), April 24, 2020; [Annex](#), April 24, 2020)

**HS Convention**

Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the World Customs Organization (WCO) with regard to the adoption of Explanatory Notes, Classification Opinions or other advice on the interpretation of the Harmonized System and recommendations to secure uniformity in the interpretation of the Harmonized System under the Harmonised System Convention.

([COM 2020/196](#), May 15, 2020)

**Additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US**

Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/578 amending Regulation 2018/196 on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([OJ 2020 L 133/1](#))

**Ceramic tiles**

Notice of initiation - Union examination procedure on obstacles to trade within the meaning of Regulation 2015/1843 applied by Saudi Arabia consisting of measures affecting the import of ceramic tiles.

([OJ 2020 C 210/30](#))

**EU/New Zealand**

Council Decision 2020/609 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee established under the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters as regards the adoption of the internal rules of procedure of the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee.

([OJ 2020 L 142/3](#))

**Customs nomenclature**

Commission communication in accordance with Article 34(7)(a)(iii) of Regulation 952/2013 on decisions relating to binding information issued by the customs authorities of the Member States concerning the classification of goods in the customs nomenclature.

([OJ 2020 C 142/1](#))

**Combined Nomenclature**

- i Commission Implementing Regulations 2020/516, 2020/622, 2020/693, 2020/724 and 2020/725 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

[\(OJ 2020 L 114/1](#); [OJ 2020 L 144/6](#);  
[OJ 2020 L 162/1](#); [OJ 2020 L 170/9](#);  
[OJ 2020 L 170/12](#))

- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/517 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.  
[\(OJ 2020 L 114/4\)](#)
- iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/524 repealing Implementing Regulation 863/2013 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.  
[\(OJ 2020 L 116/3\)](#)
- iv Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/868 repealing Implementing Regulation 2016/1140 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.  
[\(OJ 2020 L 201/5\)](#)
- v Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the EU.  
[\(OJ 2020 C 124/4](#); [OJ 2020 C 180/13](#);  
[OJ 2020 C 180/14](#); [OJ 2020 C 211/11](#))

#### Common Customs Tariff

- i Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/523 amending Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff as regards subheading 9021 10 10 (orthopaedic appliances).  
[\(OJ 2020 L 116/1\)](#)
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/712 amending Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff.  
[\(OJ 2020 L 167/1\)](#)
- iii Council Regulation 2020/847 amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products.  
[\(OJ 2020 L 204/18\)](#)
- iv Proposed Council Regulation amending Regulation 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products.  
[\(COM 2020/156](#), April 24, 2020; [Annex](#), April 24, 2020)

## IV. EU External Relations

### Serbia

The EU signs new pre-accession support package with Serbia worth more than €70 million.

[\(Commission Daily News](#), May 29, 2020)

### Eastern Partnership

- i Leaders endorse a new framework that is adapted to the new reality, listens to citizens and focuses on joint priorities.  
[\(Commission Daily News](#), June 19, 2020)
- 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 Eastern Partnership, in the run-up to the June 2020 Summit.  
[\(Recommendation](#), June 19, 2020)

### Balkans

- i Proposal regulation amending Council Regulation 1215/2009 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the EU's Stabilization and Association process.  
[\(COM 2020/135](#), April 3, 2020; [Annex](#), April 3, 2020)
- 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 Western Balkans, following the 2020 summit.  
[\(Recommendation](#), June 19, 2020)
- iii Commission implementing decision adopting a Special Measure on EU regional support to COVID-19 SME recovery in the Western Balkans in 2020 under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).  
[\(Draft decision](#), June 24, 2020)

**Covid-19**

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/891 amending Implementing Regulation 447/2014 as regards specific provisions to align the provisions for the implementation of cross-border cooperation programs financed under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) with specific measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[\(OJ 2020 L 206/3\)](#)

**A. Multi- or Plurilateral****Eastern Partnership**

i Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee adopt recommendations ahead of June summit, to determine the route ahead for relations with the EU's Eastern European neighbours.

[\(EP Press Release, May 20, 2020\)](#)

ii The Council approved conclusions.

[\(Council Press Release, May 11, 2020\)](#)

**AMERICAS****EU/CARIFORUM**

Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, with regard to the establishment of a Special Committee on Services.

[\(COM 2020/185, May 8, 2020\)](#)

**EU/Pacific States**

Notice concerning the provisional application of the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Pacific States.

[\(OJ 2020 L 158/1\)](#)

**AFRICA****EU/SADC EPA States**

Notice from the Commission pursuant to paragraph 17 of Article 4 of the Protocol 1 to the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the SADC EPA States, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.

[\(OJ 2020 C 156/6\)](#)

**EU/Central Africa Party**

i Decision 1/2020 of the EPA Committee set up by the interim agreement with a view to an economic partnership agreement between the EU and the Central Africa Party adopting the rules of procedure for mediation, the rules of procedure for arbitration, and the code of conduct for arbitrators.

[\(OJ 2020 L 156/22\)](#)

ii Decision 2/2020 of the EPA Committee set up by the interim agreement with a view to an economic partnership agreement between the EU and the Central Africa Party concerning the adoption of the list of arbitrators.

[\(OJ 2020 L 156/35\)](#)

**EU / Eastern and Southern African States**

Notice to exporters concerning the application of the EU system for registered exporters (REX system) for exports from the EU to Eastern and Southern African States within the framework of the EU-ESA interim Economic Partnership Agreement.

[\(OJ 2020 C 176/3\)](#)

**B. Bilateral****AFRICA****EU/Ivory Coast**

i Proposed Council decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, in connection with the adoption of the list of arbitrators.

[\(COM 2020/193, May 12, 2020\)](#)

ii Proposed Council decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, in connection with the adoption of the procedure for the settlement of disputes and the code of conduct for arbitrators.

[\(COM 2020/192, May 12, 2020\)](#)

## AMERICAS

### **EU/Mexico**

- i The EU and Mexico concluded the last outstanding element of the negotiation of their new trade agreement.  
([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/756, April 28, 2020)
- ii Motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure on the free trade agreement between the European Union and Mexico.  
([Motion for a resolution](#), June 10, 2020)

### **EU/Chile**

- i The Commission published the report summarizing progress made during the seventh round of negotiations for the modernization of the trade part of the EU/Chile Association Agreement.  
([Commission Press Release](#), June 9, 2020; [Report](#), June 9, 2020)
- ii Commission Services' position paper on the sustainability impact assessment in support of negotiations for the modernization of the trade part of the EU/Chile association agreement.  
([Position paper](#), June 2020)

### **EU/Canada**

- i Council Decision 2020/678 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the CETA Joint Committee established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a decision setting out the administrative and organisational matters regarding the functioning of the Appellate Tribunal.  
([OJ 2020 L 161/1](#))
- ii Council Decision 2020/679 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the CETA Joint Committee established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a decision on the procedure for the adoption of interpretations in accordance with Articles 8.31.3 and 8.44.3(a) of CETA as an Annex to its Rules of Procedure.  
([OJ 2020 L 161/3](#))

- iii Council Decision 2020/680 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Committee on Services and Investment established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a code of conduct for Members of the Tribunal, Members of the Appellate Tribunal and mediators.  
([OJ 2020 L 161/5](#))
- iv Council Decision 2020/681 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Committee on Services and Investment established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of rules for mediation for use by disputing parties in investment disputes.  
([OJ 2020 L 161/7](#))

## ASIA

### **EU/South Korea**

Council Decision 2020/470 as regards the extension of the period of entitlement for audiovisual co-productions as provided for in Article 5 of the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and South Korea.  
([OJ 2020 L 101/1](#))

### **EU/Singapore**

- i Decision 2/2020 of the EU/Singapore Trade Committee on the interpretation, pursuant to Article 16.1(4)(d), of Articles 10.17 and 10.22 of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore as regards changes to the protection of geographical indications for wines, spirits, agricultural products and foodstuffs registered in Singapore.  
([OJ 2020 L 150/140](#))
- ii Decision 1/2020 of the EU/Singapore Trade Committee modifying Annexes 10-A and 10-B to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and Singapore.  
([OJ 2020 L 158/10](#))

iii Council Decision 2020/583 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Trade Committee of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Singapore on the interpretation, pursuant to Article 16.1(4)(d), of Articles 10.17 and 10.22 of that Agreement as regards changes to the protection of geographical indications for wines, spirits, agricultural products and foodstuffs registered in Singapore.

[\(OJ 2020 L 137/3\)](#)

#### **EU/Tajikistan**

Commission roadmap.

[\(Feedback page\)](#)

#### **EU/Mongolia**

i Council Decision 2020/790 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee and the Subcommittee on Trade and Investment established by the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions on the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the rules of procedure of the Subcommittee on Trade and Investment.

[\(OJ 2020 L 193/5\)](#)

ii Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee and the Subcommittee on Trade and Investment established by the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions on the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the rules of procedure of the Subcommittee on Trade and Investment.

[\(Text of decision, May 26, 2020\)](#)

#### **EU/Vietnam**

i Council Decision 2019/753 on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Vietnam.

[\(OJ 2020 L 186/1; Agreement: OJ 2020 L 186/3\)](#)

ii Notice concerning the date of entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Vietnam.

[\(OJ 2020 L 207/3\)](#)

iii Notice to exporters concerning the application of the REX system in the European Union for the purpose of its Free Trade Agreement with Vietnam.

[\(OJ 2020 C 196/16\)](#)

### **EUROPE**

#### **EU/UK**

i Foreign Affairs and Trade Committee MEPs reiterated their overwhelming support for the EU position in the talks between the European Union and the UK on their future relationship.

[\(EP Press Release, June 12, 2020\)](#)

ii Report by the European Parliament's Committees on Foreign Affairs and on International Trade on the European Parliament recommendation on the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[\(Report, June 13, 2020\)](#)

iii Joint statement by EU and UK negotiators following the videoconference on April 15, 2020.

[\(Joint statement, April 15, 2020\)](#)

iv Opinion in the form of a letter by the European Parliament's Committee on Development on recommendations on the negotiations for a new partnership with the UK.

[\(Opinion, April 24, 2020\)](#)

v The European Parliament adopted a report.

[\(EP Press Release, June 18, 2020; Text adopted\)](#)

vi The Council adopted by written procedure conclusions on EU/UK relations.

[\(Council Press Release, June 25, 2020\)](#)

#### **EU/Armenia**

Appeal against Council Decision 2020/245 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Partnership Council established by the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the EU and Armenia, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Partnership Council and those of the Partnership Committee, subcommittees and other bodies set up by the Partnership Council, and the establishment of the list of Sub-Committees, for the application of that Agreement with the exception of Title II thereof, and Council Decision 2020/246 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Partnership Council established by the CEPA, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Partnership Council and those of the

Partnership Committee, subcommittees and other bodies set up by the Partnership Council, and the establishment of the list of Sub-Committees, for the application of Title II of that Agreement.

(Case C-180/20 *Commission v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 209/20](#))

#### **EU/Moldova**

Draft report by the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on the implementation of the EU association agreement with Moldova.

([Draft report](#), June 10, 2020)

#### **EU/San Marino**

Decision 1/2020 of the EU/San Marino Cooperation Committee concerning the applicable provisions on organic production and labelling of organic products,

and arrangements for imports of organic products adopted under the Agreement on Cooperation and Customs Union between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and San Marino, of the other part.

([OJ 2020 L 205/20](#))

#### **OCEANIA**

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

As part of its transparency commitment, the Commission published the report summarizing progress made during the latest negotiation round for the EU/Australia trade agreement.

([Commission Press Release](#), June 2, 2020)



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