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INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/1363

of 17 July 2017

on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 15 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with certain other Members of the World Trade Organization under Article XXIV:6 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, in the course of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia.
- (2) Negotiations were conducted by the Commission within the framework of the negotiating directives adopted by the Council.
- (3) Those negotiations have been concluded and an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union was initialled on 18 May 2017.
- (4) The Agreement should be signed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The signing on behalf of the Union of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of that Agreement ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ The text of the Agreement will be published together with the decision on its conclusion.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Union.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 17 July 2017.

For the Council
The President
T. TAMM

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/1364

of 17 July 2017

on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council as regards the amendment of Annex XXVI to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ (the 'Agreement') was signed on 27 June 2014.
- (2) Article 201 of the Agreement provides for the gradual approximation to the Union's customs law and certain international law to be carried out as set out in Annex XXVI to the Agreement.
- (3) Annex XXVI to the Agreement specifies that approximation with the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 ⁽²⁾ is to be carried out by the Republic of Moldova within 3 years following the entry into force of the Agreement.
- (4) Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 has been repealed and, since 1 May 2016, the substantive provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾ are in application in the Union.
- (5) At the meeting of the EU-Republic of Moldova Customs Sub-Committee held on 6 October 2016, it was concluded that Annex XXVI to the Agreement should be amended accordingly.
- (6) The position of the Union within the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council (the 'Association Council') should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The position to be adopted on behalf of the Union within the Association Council as regards the amendment of Annex XXVI of the Agreement shall be based on the draft Decision attached to this Decision.
2. The representatives of the Union in Association Council may agree to minor technical corrections to the draft Decision referred to in paragraph 1 without further decision of the Council.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 260, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code (OJ L 269, 10.10.2013, p. 1).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 17 July 2017.

For the Council
The President
T. TAMM

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**DECISION No .../2017 OF THE EU-REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of ... 2017**

as regards the amendment of Annex XXVI to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part

THE EU-REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, and in particular Article 436(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ (the 'Agreement') was signed on 27 June 2014.
- (2) Article 201 of the Agreement provides for the gradual approximation to the Union's customs law and certain international law to be carried out as set out in Annex XXVI to the Agreement.
- (3) Annex XXVI to the Agreement specifies that approximation with the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 ⁽²⁾ is to be carried out by the Republic of Moldova within three years following the entry into force of the Agreement.
- (4) Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 has been repealed and, since 1 May 2016, the substantive provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 ⁽³⁾ of the European Parliament and of the Council are in application in the Union.
- (5) At the meeting of the EU-Republic of Moldova Customs Sub-Committee held on 6 October 2016, it was concluded that Annex XXVI to the Agreement should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex XXVI to the Agreement is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

*For the Association Council
The Chair*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 260, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code (OJ L 269, 10.10.2013, p. 1).

ANNEX

The first section of Annex XXVI to the Agreement is amended as follows:

The reference 'Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code' is replaced by the reference 'Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code'.

ACTS ADOPTED BY BODIES CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

DECISION No 1/2015 OF THE EU-GEORGIA TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

of 18 November 2015

adopting its Rules of Procedure [2017/1365]

THE EU-GEORGIA TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ ('the Agreement'), and in particular Article 240 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 431 of the Agreement, parts of the Agreement have been applied provisionally since 1 September 2014.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 240 of the Agreement, the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee is to oversee the implementation of Chapter 13 (Trade and Sustainable Development) of Title IV (Trade and Trade-related matters) of the Agreement.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 240(3) of the Agreement, the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee is to adopt its rules of procedure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Rules of Procedure of the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee, as set out in the Annex, are hereby adopted.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Tbilisi, 18 November 2015.

The Chair

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

ANNEX

**RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EU-GEORGIA TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE***Article 1***General provisions**

1. The Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee established in accordance with Article 240 of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part ('the Agreement') shall assist the Association Committee in Trade configuration, as set out in Article 408(4) of the Agreement ('the Association Committee in Trade configuration'), in the performance of its duties.
2. The Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee shall perform the functions set out in Chapter 13 (Trade and Sustainable Development) of Title IV (Trade and trade-related matters) of the Agreement.
3. The Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee shall be composed of representatives of the European Commission and of Georgia, responsible for trade and sustainable development matters.
4. A representative of the European Commission or of Georgia who is responsible for trade and sustainable development matters shall act as Chair of the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee in accordance with Article 2.
5. The term 'the Parties' in these Rules of Procedure shall be defined as provided for in Article 428 of the Agreement.

*Article 2***Specific provisions**

1. Articles 2 to 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the EU-Georgia Association Committee shall apply, unless otherwise provided for in these Rules of Procedure.
2. The references to the Association Council shall be read as references to the Association Committee in Trade configuration. The references to the Association Committee or the Association Committee in Trade configuration shall be read as references to the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee.

*Article 3***Meetings**

The Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee shall meet as necessary. The Parties shall aim to meet once a year.

*Article 4***Amendment of Rules of Procedure**

These Rules of Procedure may be amended by a decision of the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee in accordance with Article 240 of the Agreement.

**DECISION No 2/2015 OF THE EU-GEORGIA TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE****of 18 November 2015****establishing the list of experts on trade and sustainable development [2017/1366]**

THE EU-GEORGIA TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ ('the Agreement'), and in particular Article 243 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 431 of the Agreement, parts of the Agreement have been applied provisionally since 1 September 2014.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 243(3) of the Agreement, the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee is to establish a list of at least 15 individuals who are willing and able to serve as experts in panel procedures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The list of experts on trade and sustainable development for the purposes of Article 243 of the Agreement is established as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Tbilisi, 18 November 2015.

The Chair

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

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LIST OF EXPERTS ON TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

I. Experts proposed by Georgia

1. Nata STURUA
2. David KIKODZE
3. Marina SHVANGIRADZE
4. Ilia OSEPASHVILI
5. Roin MIGRIAULI

II. Experts proposed by the EU

1. Eddy LAURIJSSEN
2. Jorge CARDONA
3. Karin LUKAS
4. Hélène RUIZ FABRI
5. Laurence BOISSON DE CHAZOURNES
6. Geert VAN CALSTER

III. Chairpersons

1. Jill MURRAY (Australia)
 2. Janice BELLACE (USA)
 3. Ross WILSON (New Zealand)
 4. Arthur APPLETON (USA)
 5. Nathalie BERNASCONI (Switzerland)
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**DECISION No 1/2017 OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL CONVENTION ON
PAN-EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

of 16 May 2017

**as regards the request of Ukraine to become a Contracting Party to the Regional Convention on
pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin [2017/1367]**

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin ('the Convention') provides that a third party may become a Contracting Party to the Convention provided that the candidate country or territory has a free trade agreement in force, providing for preferential rules of origin, with at least one of the Contracting Parties.
- (2) Ukraine submitted a written request for accession to the Convention on 12 September 2016.
- (3) Ukraine has a free trade agreement in force with several Contracting Parties to the Convention and therefore complies with the condition set out in Article 5(1) of the Convention to become a Contracting Party.
- (4) Article 4(3)(b) of the Convention provides that the Joint Committee is to adopt by decision invitations to third parties to accede to the Convention,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ukraine shall be invited to accede to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 16 May 2017.

For the Joint Committee

The Chair

Péter KOVÁCS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.

