



Working with Europe and the EU **– A New Context**

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EU external competences

From peace project to geo-political player

EU relations with third countries and multilateral bodies

Beyond trade



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Beyond trade



TITLE II COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY

Article 206 (ex Article 131 TEC)

By establishing a customs union in accordance with Articles 28 to 32, the Union shall contribute, in the common interest, to the harmonious development of world trade, the progressive abolition of restrictions on international trade and on foreign direct investment, and the lowering of customs and other barriers.



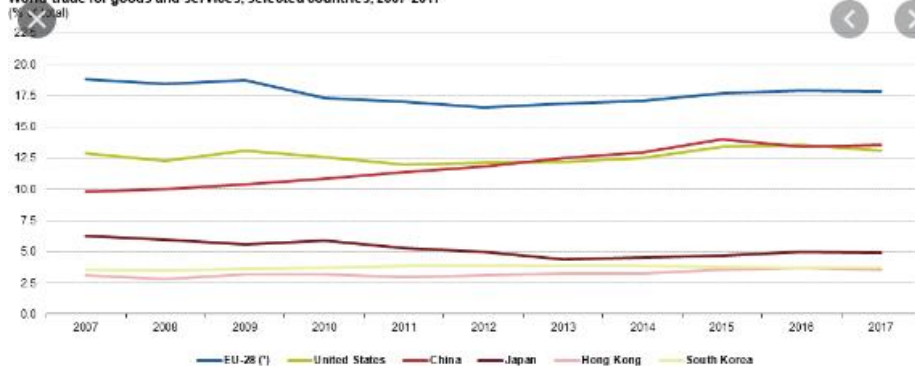
Article 207 (ex Article 133 TEC)

1. The common commercial policy shall be based on uniform principles, particularly with regard to changes in tariff rates, the conclusion of tariff and trade agreements relating to trade in goods and services, and the commercial aspects of intellectual property, foreign direct investment, the achievement of uniformity in measures of liberalisation, export policy and measures to protect trade such as those to be taken in the event of dumping or subsidies. The common commercial policy shall be conducted in the context of the principles and objectives of the Union's external action.

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The EU's share in world trade (pre-2020)

World trade for goods and services, selected countries, 2007-2017



Note: the figure shows developments for the top six countries/geographic aggregates with the highest combined values of exports and imports in 2017. The total value of exports and imports for the world excludes intra-EU trade. United Arab Emirates: not available.

(*) Excl-EU trade.

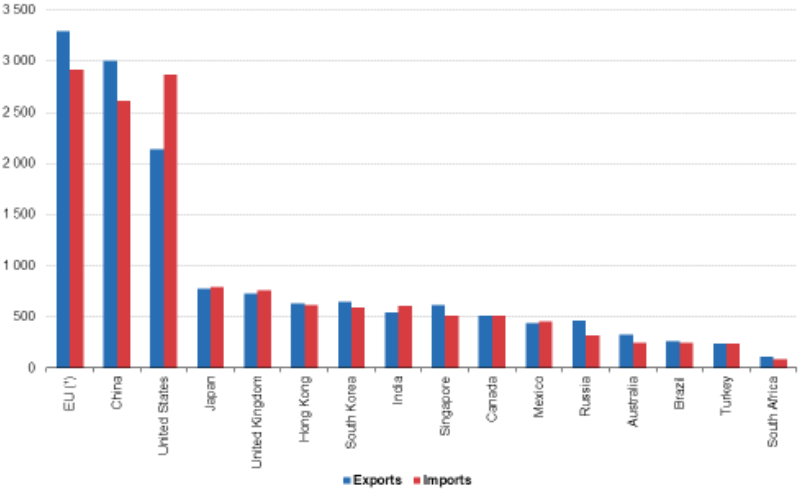
Source: Eurostat (online data code: bep_eu6_q) and International Monetary Fund (Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics)

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Value of international trade in goods and services, selected countries, 2021
(€ billion)



Note: ranked on the total value of exports and imports.
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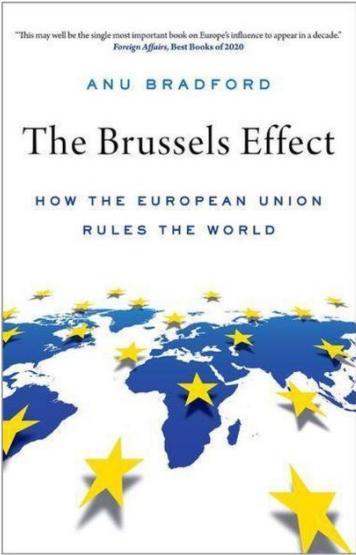
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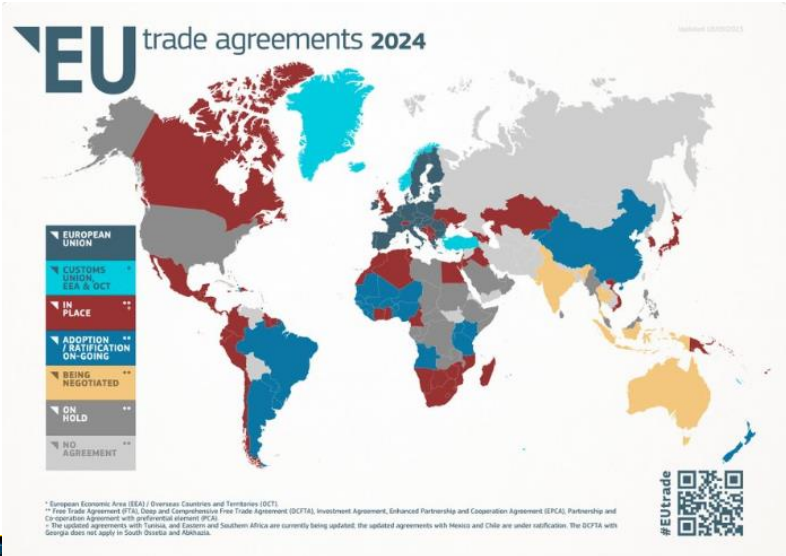
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The “Brussels effect”



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Exporting norms (and values?) through Free Trade Agreements?



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EU Free Trade Agreements: what's in them?

- Tariffs / Quotas / Rules of Origin
- Non-Tariff Barriers / Technical Barriers to Trade / "Behind the Border" Issues / Regulatory issues
 - **Sanitary and phytosanitary issues**
 - **Intellectual property** (geographical denominations)
 - Public procurement
 - Investment & Investment protection
 - Competition
 - Commercial instruments
 - Energy and raw materials
 - Environment & Labor rights



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TBTs, NTMs, 'behind-the border issues'

- Governments rely on **Non-Tariff Measures** to achieve public policy goals, including the protection of human health and the environment
- Regulators and law-makers translate collective preferences into binding rules
- Trade is affected is a normal and legitimate consequence of such regulation.
- But NTMs can be used to shield domestic industries from foreign competitors



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Regulatory cooperation in EU FTAs

- Impact on citizens / consumers
- undermining democratic processes?
- The “Right to regulate”
- Actual undermining of legitimate social and environmental objectives?
- Race to the bottom?



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Norm makers and norm takers

Quiz: In which EU agreement can we find these provisions?

- A) TCA
- B) EU-Ukraine DCFTA
- C) EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI)



Article 114

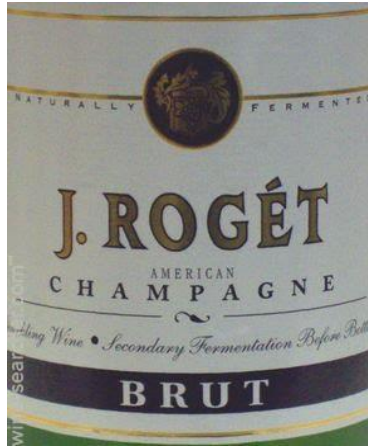
Regulatory approximation

1. The Parties recognise the importance of the approximation of []'s existing legislation to that of the European Union. [] shall ensure that its existing laws and future legislation will be gradually made compatible with the EU *acquis*.
2. Such approximation will start on the date of signing of this Agreement, and will gradually extend to all the elements of the EU *acquis* referred to in Annex XVII to this Agreement.

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Norm makers and norm takers

Case study : Geographical indications



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Geographical indications (GIs)

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Case study : Geographical indications

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 449/2011
of 6 May 2011

entering certain names in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications (陕西苹果 (Shaanxi ping guo) (PDO), 龙井茶 (Longjing Cha) (PDO), 琚溪蜜柚 (Guanxi Mi You) (PDO), 歙县麻山药 (Lixian Ma Shan Yao) (PGI))

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and

(2) As no statement of objection under Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 has been received by the Commission, these names should therefore be entered in the register,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:



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GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2(2)

	Name as registered in the People's Republic of China	Transcription in Latin characters	Type of product	Translation for information purposes
1.	安吉白茶	Anji Bai Cha	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (the "Treaty") (spices etc.) - Tea	Anji White Tea
2.	安溪铁观音	Anxi Tie Guan Yin	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.) - Tea	Anxi Tie Guan Yin
3.	保山小粒咖啡	Baoshan Xiao Li Ka Fei	Other products of Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.) - Coffee	Baoshan Arabica Coffee
4.	赣南脐橙	Gannan Qi Cheng	Fruit, vegetables and cereals fresh or processed - Fruit	Gannan Navel Orange
5.	霍山黄芽	Huoshan Huang Ya	Other products of	Huoshan Yellow Bud Tea

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Geographical Indications Identifying a Product Originating in the European Union

Indication	Transliteration (for information purposes only)	Product Class	Place of Origin (Territory, Region or Locality)
České pivo		beer	Czech Republic
Žatecký Chmel		hops	Czech Republic
Hopfen aus der Hallertau		hops	Germany
Nürnberger Bratwürste**		fresh, frozen : meats	Germany
Nürnberger Rostbratwürste		fresh, frozen : meats	Germany
Schwarzwälder Schinken		fresh, frozen : meats	Germany
		Spreewälder Gurken	Germany
		Danablu	Denmark
		Ελιά Καλαμάτας	Elia Kalamatas
		Μαστίχα Χίου	Masticha Chiou
		Φέτα*	Feta



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Halloumi cheese puts EU's Canada trade deal to the test

Cypriot vote against Canada accord will test whether EU countries' parliaments can torpedo big deals.



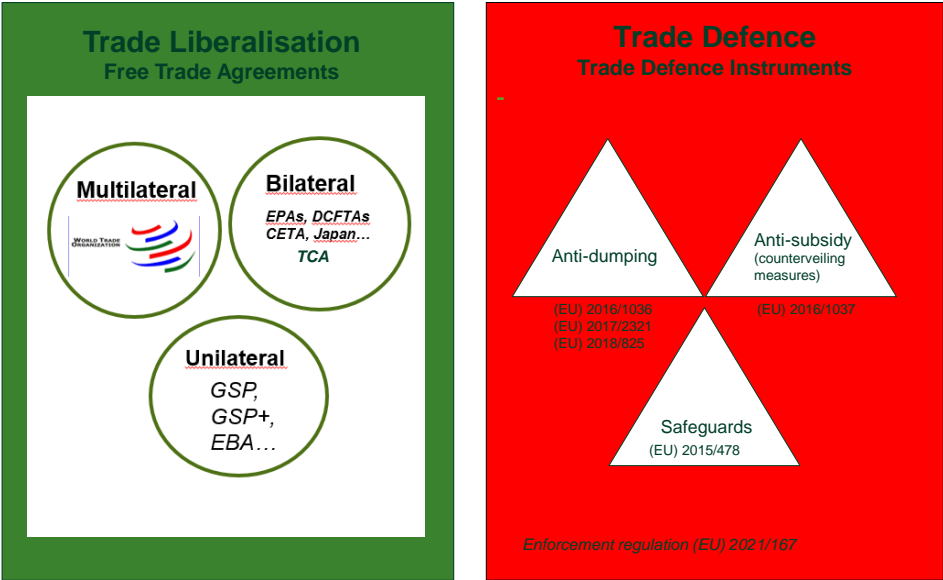
BY BARBARA MOENS, GIORGIO LEALI AND ELEANOR WEARS
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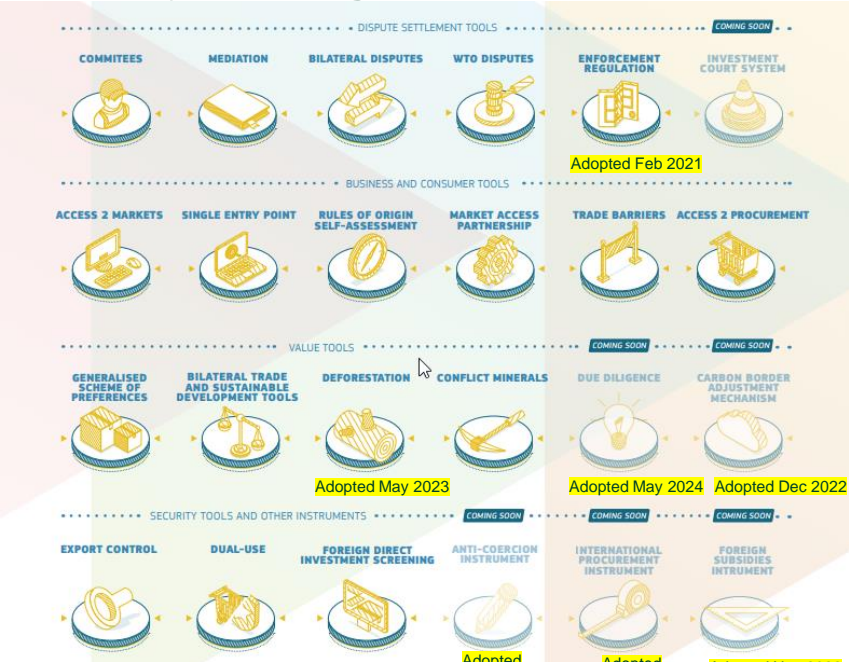
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The Instruments of the Common Commercial Policy



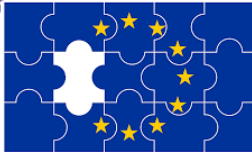
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Trade policy: shifting priorities



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The 'BCT factor



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An EU approach to enhance economic security *

Assessment of four key economic security risks:

- supply chains
- critical infrastructure
- technology leakage
- coercion



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Outline - afternoon session

Interactive exercise: Identifying your interlocutors - who is in charge of what in the EU's system of external action

(Open) strategic autonomy

Case study