EU/Canada Agreement: customs cooperation with respect to matters related to supply chain security

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and Canada on customs cooperation with respect to matters related to supply chain security.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council may adopt the act only if the European Parliament has given its consent.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(4) first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

BACKGROUND: the Union and Canada should expand their customs cooperation to cover matters of supply chain security and related risk management with a view to increasing end-to-end supply chain security and at the same time facilitating legitimate trade.

In accordance with a Council Decision, the Agreement between the European Union and Canada on customs cooperation with respect to matters related to supply chain security was signed, subject to its conclusion.

The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the EU.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(4) first subparagraph of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) thereof.

CONTENT: with this Council proposal, it is proposed to approve on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and Canada on customs cooperation with respect to matters related to supply chain security.

The position to be adopted by the Union within the EU-Canada Joint Customs Cooperation Committee (JCCC), when called upon to adopt acts having legal effects, should be decided in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Where necessary, other positions to be taken by the Union within the JCCC should be established by the Council in accordance with Article 16 of the Treaty on European Union.

For further information concerning the main provision of the draft Agreement, as well as its financial implications for the European Union’s budget, *please refer to the summary of the Commission’s initial legislative proposal, dated 28/03/2012*.