EU/New Zealand Agreement: modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the EU

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PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2018/1030 on the conclusion 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.

CONTENT: the Council approved, on behalf of the European Union, 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 Trade1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

On 15 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with certain other members of the World Trade Organisation under the GATT in the context of Croatia's accession to the European Union.

The negotiations with New Zealand resulted in an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters which was signed, on behalf of the Union, on 13 March 2018, subject to its conclusion at a later date. This agreement contains the following elements:

- **add 1 875 tonnes** to the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of bovine animals, frozen – Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen', tariff item numbers 0202 and 0206.29.91, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 20%. The new tariff rate quota shall be 54 875 tonnes;
- **add 135 tonnes** (carcase weight) to the allocation for New Zealand under the EU tariff rate quota 'Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen', tariff item number 0204, maintaining the present in-quota rate of 0%. The new tariff rate quota allocation to New Zealand shall be 228 389 tonnes.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 13.7.2018.