

EU/Japan Economic Partnership Agreement

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The European Parliament adopted by 474 votes to 152, with 40 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan on an economic partnership.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

The negotiations between the European Union and Japan on an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), which began on 25 March 2013, were concluded on 8 December 2017. On 17 July 2018, on the occasion of the EU-Japan Summit in Tokyo, the EU and Japan signed the EPA and the Strategic Partnership Agreement.

The objectives of the agreement are to liberalise and facilitate trade and investment and to promote closer economic relations between the Parties.