Basic information

2016/0006(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/New Zealand Agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations **Geographical area** New Zealand	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	CASPARY Daniel (PPE)	15/02/2016
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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	3612	2018-04-16

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Taxation and Customs Union	MOSCOVICI Pierre

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

21/01/2016	Preparatory document	COM(2016)0017	Summary
24/05/2016	Legislative proposal published	07712/2016	Summary
11/09/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/02/2018	Vote in committee		
23/02/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0029/2018	Summary
13/03/2018	Decision by Parliament	T8-0062/2018	Summary
13/03/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/04/2018	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
16/04/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/04/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/0006(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/8/05581

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE578.797	16/01/2018	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0029/2018	23/02/2018	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0062/2018	13/03/2018	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	07712/2016	24/05/2016	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	07682/2016	14/06/2016	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Document attached to the procedure	COM(2016)0009	21/01/2016	
Preparatory document	COM(2016)0017	21/01/2016	Summary

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2018/0601 OJ L 101 20.04.2018, p. 0005	Summary

EU/New Zealand Agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters

2016/0006(NLE) - 13/03/2018 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 607 votes to 38, with 33 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

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

The general objective of the Agreement is to develop and intensify cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters with New Zealand; in particular, to establish the legal basis for a cooperation framework which aims at securing the supply chain and facilitating legitimate trade, as well as enabling information exchange to ensure the proper application of customs legislation.

EU/New Zealand Agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters

2016/0006(NLE) - 23/02/2018 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Daniel CASPARY (EPP, DE) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament **give its approval** to the conclusion of the Agreement.

As indicated in the explanatory memorandum accompanying the report, the Agreement between the EU and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters can be seen as **another step in deepening the EU-New Zealand trade and economic relationship** by creating a more trade-friendly and secure customs environment.

The Agreement was signed on 3 July 2017. It is aimed at:

- benefitting legitimate trade by creating a more predictable and trade-friendly exchange;
- further enabling exchange of information and cooperation of customs authorities;
- promoting modern and simple procedures in order to save time and money in getting goods through customs, thus creating a level playing field for economic operators on both sides;
- helping to prevent, investigate and combat breaches of customs legislation, and thus helping to protect consumers by stopping harmful or illegal goods reaching the European market.

In the rapporteur's view, the conclusion of the agreement would be a welcome step towards a future free trade agreement.

EU/New Zealand Agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters

2016/0006(NLE) - 16/04/2018 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2018/601 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters

CONTENT: with this Decision, the Council decided to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters. The Agreement had been signed on 3 July 2017, in accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2018/600.

The Agreement:

- provides a comprehensive framework for the EU and New Zealand to **cooperate in the area of customs** with the objective of ensuring effective controls while facilitating legitimate trade;
- promotes modern and simple **procedures** in order to save time and money in getting goods through customs;
- stops **illegal goods** reaching the European market.

Objective: the general objective of the Agreement is to develop and intensify cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters with New Zealand; in particular, to establish the **legal basis for a cooperation framework which aims at securing the supply chain and facilitating legitimate trade**, as well as enabling information exchange to ensure the proper application of customs legislation and the prevention, investigation and combating of breaches of customs legislation.

The Agreement provides a basis to further **develop customs cooperation** in future if warranted, for example through the establishment of Mutual Recognition of respective trade partnership programmes (Authorised Economic Operators in the EU).

Trade cooperation framework: the Agreement also intends to:

- maximise the contribution made by them to the work of the WCO, the WTO and other relevant international organisations in improving customs techniques and in resolving problems of customs procedures, customs enforcement and the facilitation of trade;
- implement international instruments and standards applicable in the area of customs and trade;
- implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement upon its entry into force;
- cooperate in the research, development, testing and evaluation of new customs procedures, and in the training and exchange of personnel and provision of assistance.

Mutual administrative cooperation: the Agreement aims to enable information exchange to ensure the proper application of customs legislation and the prevention, investigation and combating of breaches of customs legislation.

Joint Customs Cooperation Committee: the Agreement seeks to establish a Joint Customs Cooperation Committee, consisting of representatives of the customs and other competent authorities of the Contracting Parties. It shall see to the proper functioning and implementation of this Agreement and shall examine all issues and disputes arising from its application.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 16.4.2018.

EU/New Zealand Agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters

2016/0006(NLE) - 24/05/2016 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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

BACKGROUND: on 22 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with New Zealand with a view to concluding an Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters. The negotiations resulted in the initialling of the Agreement on 23 September 2015.

The Agreement should now be approved.

CONTENT: the Council's draft aims for the **approval, on behalf of the European Union**, of the EU-New Zealand Agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

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For further details on the content of the agreement, please refer to the summary of the Commission's initial legislative proposal dated 21.1.2016.

EU/New Zealand Agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters

2016/0006(NLE) - 21/01/2016 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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

BACKGROUND: in 2009, New Zealand signalled its interest to enter into a legally binding relationship with the European Union and approached the European Commission with a request of its government to **develop customs cooperation with the EU** focusing on supply chain security and trade facilitation.

On 22 July 2013, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate an Agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters with New Zealand. The negotiations were launched in September 2013. Both sides initialled the Agreement in Brussels on 23 September 2015.

It is now necessary to conclude the Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: under this proposed Decision, the Council is called upon to approve, the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters.

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