

Basic information	
2025/0009(NLE)	Awaiting final decision
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	
Digital Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore	
Accompanying procedure 2025/0009M(NLE)	
Subject	
3.30.06 Information and communication technologies, digital technologies 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.08 Relations with Asian countries	
Geographical area	
Singapore	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	INTA International Trade	HAHN Svenja (Renew)	19/02/2025
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Trade and Economic Security	ŠEFČOVIČ Maroš	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
31/01/2025	Preparatory document	COM(2025)0023 	Summary
23/05/2025	Legislative proposal published	05853/2025	Summary
19/06/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/10/2025	Vote in committee		
09/10/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0187/2025	
13/11/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0266/2025	Summary
13/11/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	

Procedure reference	2025/0009(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	Accompanying procedure 2025/0009M(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p4
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	INTA/10/02107

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE774.422	26/06/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0187/2025	09/10/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0266/2025	13/11/2025	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	05853/2025	23/05/2025	Summary	
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2025)0022 	31/01/2025		
Preparatory document	COM(2025)0023 	31/01/2025	Summary	

Additional information
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Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency

Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
HAHN Svenja	Rapporteur	INTA	05/11/2025	Mission of the Republic of Singapore to the European Union
KEMP Martine	Shadow rapporteur	INTA	30/06/2025	Embassy of Singapore
MARZÀ IBÁÑEZ Vicent	Shadow rapporteur	INTA	18/06/2025	Embassy of Singapore
MARZÀ IBÁÑEZ Vicent	Shadow rapporteur	INTA	25/03/2025	European Digital Rights
MARZÀ IBÁÑEZ Vicent	Shadow rapporteur	INTA	25/03/2025	BEUC - The European Consumer Organization
MARZÀ IBÁÑEZ Vicent	Shadow rapporteur	INTA	25/03/2025	EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION
MARZÀ IBÁÑEZ Vicent	Shadow rapporteur	INTA	12/02/2025	EU Digital Rights

Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
BENIFEI Brando	09/07/2025	Mission of the Republic of Singapore to the European Union

Digital Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore

2025/0009(NLE) - 13/11/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 515 votes to 93, with 33 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on Digital Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

The agreement establishes a modern framework to facilitate digital trade in goods and services between the EU and Singapore, complementing the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) and the Free Trade Agreement (FTA). It contains ambitious, binding rules on areas such as cross-border data flows, online consumer protection, and software source-code protection.

It also requires both Parties to maintain strong, non-discriminatory legal standards for protecting personal data, recognising privacy as essential for trust in the digital economy and the development of trade.

Digital Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore

2025/0009(NLE) - 23/05/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement on Digital Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the Council.

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

BACKGROUND: the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore on Digital Trade was signed subject to its conclusion at a later date. It is now appropriate to approve the Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of **the Agreement on digital trade between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore**.

The Agreement aims to facilitate digital trade in goods and services between the Parties. It gives effect to the trade provisions of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) and, together with the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), establishes the EU-Singapore Free Trade Area.

The Agreement is a modern, self-standing Agreement with ambitious and binding commitments on digital trade between the EU and Singapore. These commitments range from commitments on cross-border data flows and online consumer protection to commitments on software source code protection.

The Agreement also includes provisions on the protection of personal data. The Parties recognise that individuals have the right to privacy and the protection of personal data, and that high and enforceable standards in this regard contribute to trust in the digital economy and the development of trade. Each Party shall adopt or maintain a legal framework providing for the protection of individuals' personal data. This legal framework must ensure non-discriminatory protection of the personal data of natural persons.

Digital Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore

2025/0009(NLE) - 31/01/2025 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Digital Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore.

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: the bilateral trade relations between the EU and Singapore have already been liberalised and enhanced by the FTA between the EU and Singapore which entered into force in 2019. Although this is a comprehensive FTA that provides for substantial commitments for trade in goods and services between the parties, it does not provide for comprehensive rules on digital trade.

The Council authorised the opening of negotiations for digital trade disciplines with Singapore on 27 June 2023. The Commission, on behalf of the Union, and Singapore launched the negotiations on 20 July 2023. The negotiations were concluded in principle on 25 July 2024.

This proposal is consistent with the EU trade policy review of 2021 that recognised the contribution of the EU's digital trade policy to the EU's digital transformation and announced the EU's intention to step up bilateral engagement and explore stronger frameworks for cooperation on trade-related digital issues with like-minded partners.

Digital trade accounts for around 25% of all international trade and has been growing at a faster pace than traditional trade. The EU is the world's leader in both exports and imports of digitally deliverable services, which amounted to EUR 1.3 trillion in 2022, or 54% of the EU's total trade in services.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council should decide to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore on Digital Trade. The Agreement on Digital Trade is a **modern, self-standing agreement with ambitious and binding commitments** on digital trade between the EU and Singapore. The Agreement will enhance online consumer protection, provide legal certainty for businesses wishing to engage in cross-border digital trade and address unjustified barriers to digital trade. It will complement the existing EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by deepening and underpinning the existing EU-Singapore bilateral trade relationship from a digital perspective.

The Agreement:

- includes commitments on digital trade. These commitments are of a binding nature and range from commitments on cross-border data flows and online consumer protection to commitments on the protection of source code of software;
- includes provisions that are in line with EU practice based on the 2018 horizontal provisions on cross-border data flows and the protection of personal data and privacy in trade agreements, which recognise each Party's right to determine the appropriate level of privacy and personal data protection;
- provides for horizontal exceptions, a dispute settlement mechanism, as well as an institutional framework.

The Digital Trade Agreement will enter into force once the EU and Singapore have completed their respective requirements and procedures necessary for signature and conclusion and have exchanged written notifications to that effect.