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II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Notice concerning the entry into force of Decisions Nos 1/2014 to 5/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014

Decision No 1/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 adopting its Rules of Procedure and those of the Association Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of the Sole Article, Decision 1 of the Association Council enters into force on 7 May 2015.

Decision No 2/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 adopting the Rules of Procedure governing Dispute Settlement under Title X and the Code of Conduct for members of panels and mediators.

In accordance with the provisions of the Sole Article, Decision 2 of the Association Council enters into force on 7 May 2015.

Decision No 3/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 adopting the List of Panellists.

In accordance with the provisions of the Sole Article, Decision 3 of the Association Council enters into force on 7 May 2015.

Decision No 4/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 adopting the List of Trade and Sustainable Development Experts.

In accordance with the provisions of the Sole Article, Decision 4 of the Association Council enters into force on 7 May 2015.

Decision No 5/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 on the Geographical Indications to be included in Annex XVIII of the Agreement.

In accordance with the provisions of the Sole Article, Decision 5 of the Association Council enters into force on 5 August 2015.

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/1205

of 23 July 2015

amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 743/2013 introducing protective measures on imports of bivalve molluscs from Turkey intended for human consumption, as regards its period of application

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 22(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 743/2013 ⁽²⁾ was adopted as audits of the Commission's audit service, the Food and Veterinary Office ('FVO'), identified deficiencies in Turkey in the implementation of official controls of the production of bivalve molluscs intended for export to the Union, and as Member States reported non-compliant consignments of bivalve molluscs originating in Turkey which were not fulfilling Union microbiological standards.
- (2) The Turkish competent authorities presented information regarding the corrective measures that have been initiated to address the deficiencies detected in the control system for bivalve molluscs intended for export to the Union. However, due to the seriousness of the shortcomings identified in the FVO audits, before any lifting of measures can be considered, a follow-up FVO audit is necessary. Moreover, Member States have reported certain cases of microbiological non-compliance of bivalve molluscs presented for inspection at a Union border inspection post of entry.
- (3) The limit of application of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 743/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In the second paragraph of Article 5 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 743/2013, the date '4 August 2015' is replaced by the date '31 December 2016'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 743/2013 of 31 July 2013 on introducing protective measures on imports of bivalve molluscs from Turkey intended for human consumption (OJ L 205, 1.8.2013, p. 1).

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 July 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNKER

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/1206**of 23 July 2015****terminating the anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1331/2014 making imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan subject to registration**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 597/2009 of 11 June 2009 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Community ⁽¹⁾ ('the basic anti-subsidy Regulation'), and in particular Articles 14 and 24 thereof,

Whereas:

1. PROCEDURE**1.1. Initiation**

- (1) On 14 August 2014 the European Commission ('the Commission') announced by a notice published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽²⁾ ('the Notice of initiation'), the initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding with regard to imports into the Union of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China ('the anti-subsidy proceeding').
- (2) The anti-subsidy proceeding was initiated following a complaint lodged on 1 July 2014 by Eurofer ('the complainant') on behalf of Union producers representing more than 25 % of the total Union production of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products.
- (3) The complaint contained prima facie evidence of subsidisation of the said product and of material injury resulting therefrom, which was considered sufficient to justify the initiation of a proceeding.
- (4) The Commission officially advised the complainant, other known Union producers, the known exporting producers in the People's Republic of China ('the PRC'), the authorities in the PRC, known importers, suppliers and users, traders, as well as associations known to be concerned about the initiation of the investigation and invited them to participate. Interested parties were given the opportunity to make their views known in writing and to request a hearing within the time limit set in the Notice of initiation.

1.2. Parallel anti-dumping proceeding

- (5) On 26 June 2014 the Commission announced by a notice published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽³⁾ the initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the PRC and Taiwan pursuant to Article 5 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ ('the basic anti-dumping Regulation').
- (6) On 24 March 2015 the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/501 ⁽⁵⁾ imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the PRC and Taiwan. The investigation is ongoing.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 188, 18.7.2009, p. 93.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 267, 14.8.2014, p. 17.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 196, 26.6.2014, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 of 30 November 2009 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community (OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 51).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/501 of 24 March 2015 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan (OJ L 79, 25.3.2015, p. 23).

1.3. Registration

- (7) Following a request by the complainant supported by the required evidence, the Commission adopted on 15 December 2014 Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1331/2014 ⁽¹⁾ making imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the PRC and Taiwan subject to registration as of 17 December 2014.
- (8) The registration of imports for the purpose of the parallel anti-dumping investigation was discontinued by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/501. The registration of imports for the purpose of the anti-subsidy proceeding continued.

2. WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMPLAINT AND TERMINATION OF THE PROCEEDING

- (9) By letter of 11 May 2015 addressed to the Commission, the complainant formally withdrew its complaint.
- (10) In accordance with Article 14(1) of the basic anti-subsidy Regulation, when the complainant withdraws its complaint, the proceeding may be terminated unless such termination would not be in the Union interest.
- (11) The Commission considered that the present anti-subsidy proceeding should be terminated since the respective investigation had not brought to light any consideration showing that such termination would not be in the Union interest. Interested parties were informed accordingly and were given an opportunity to comment. The Commission received no comments which would lead to the conclusion that such termination would not be in the Union interest.
- (12) The Commission therefore concludes that the anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports into the Union of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the PRC should be terminated without the imposition of measures.

3. REPEAL OF IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 1331/2014

- (13) In view of the above, the registration of imports for the purpose of the anti-subsidy investigation in accordance with Article 24(5) of the basic anti-subsidy Regulation should be discontinued. Therefore, Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1331/2014 should be repealed.
- (14) This Regulation is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports into the Union of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China and currently falling within CN codes 7219 31 00, 7219 32 10, 7219 32 90, 7219 33 10, 7219 33 90, 7219 34 10, 7219 34 90, 7219 35 10, 7219 35 90, 7220 20 21, 7220 20 29, 7220 20 41, 7220 20 49, 7220 20 81 and 7220 20 89 is hereby terminated.

Article 2

Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1331/2014 making imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan subject to registration is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1331/2014 of 15 December 2014 making imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan subject to registration (OJ L 359, 16.12.2014, p. 90).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 July 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNKER

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/1207**of 23 July 2015****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.
- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 July 2015.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA*

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	AL	29,8
	MA	159,2
	MK	34,0
	ZZ	74,3
0707 00 05	TR	137,2
	ZZ	137,2
0709 93 10	AR	73,3
	TR	117,4
	ZZ	95,4
0805 50 10	AR	112,5
	LB	87,7
	UY	130,9
	ZA	141,7
	ZZ	118,2
0806 10 10	EG	228,7
	MA	246,7
	TN	174,9
	TR	158,2
	US	286,0
	ZZ	218,9
0808 10 80	AR	188,3
	BR	119,9
	CH	142,8
	CL	141,7
	NZ	140,8
	US	165,7
	UY	170,5
	ZA	122,4
	ZZ	149,0
0808 30 90	AR	154,9
	CL	148,2
	NZ	159,3
	ZA	121,5
	ZZ	146,0
0809 10 00	TR	229,0
	ZZ	229,0
0809 29 00	TR	237,5
	ZZ	237,5
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	MK	55,9
	TR	202,8
	ZZ	129,4

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0809 40 05	BA	60,5
	IL	124,7
	ZZ	92,6

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1106/2012 of 27 November 2012 implementing Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries, as regards the update of the nomenclature of countries and territories (OJ L 328, 28.11.2012, p. 7). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

DECISIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/1208

of 14 July 2015

amending Implementing Decision 2013/463/EU on approving the macroeconomic adjustment programme for Cyprus

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(2) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 applies to Member States already in receipt of financial assistance, including those from the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), at the time of its entry into force.
- (2) Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 sets the rules for the approval of macroeconomic adjustment programmes for Member States in receipt of financial assistance; those rules need to be consistent with the provisions of the Treaty establishing the ESM.
- (3) Upon a request of 25 June 2012 by Cyprus for financial assistance from the ESM, the Council decided on 25 April 2013 by Decision 2013/236/EU ⁽²⁾ that Cyprus was to rigorously implement a macroeconomic adjustment programme.
- (4) On 24 April 2013, the ESM Board of Governors decided to grant, in principle, stability support to Cyprus and approved the Memorandum of Understanding on Specific Economic Policy Conditionality and its signing by the Commission on behalf of the ESM.
- (5) Following the entry into force of Regulation (EU) No 472/2013, the macroeconomic adjustment programme was adopted in the form of a Council Implementing Decision ⁽³⁾. For reasons of legal clarity and legal certainty, the programme was readopted on the basis of Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No 472/2013. The substance of the programme remained identical to the one approved by Decision 2013/236/EU, but also incorporated the results of the review carried out in accordance with Article 1(2) of that Decision. At the same time, Decision 2013/236/EU was repealed.
- (6) Council Implementing Decision 2013/463/EU was already amended by Decision 2014/169/EU and Decision 2014/919/EU. In the light of the latest developments, it should be amended again.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 2013/236/EU of 25 April 2013 addressed to Cyprus on specific measures to restore financial stability and sustainable growth (OJ L 141, 28.5.2013, p. 32).

⁽³⁾ Council Implementing Decision 2013/463/EU of 13 September 2013 on approving the macroeconomic adjustment programme for Cyprus and repealing Decision 2013/236/EU (OJ L 250, 20.9.2013, p. 40).

- (7) In accordance with Article 1(2) of Implementing Decision 2013/463/EU, the Commission, in liaison with the European Central Bank (ECB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has conducted the sixth review to assess the progress of the implementation of the agreed measures as well as their effectiveness and economic and social impact. As a consequence of that review, changes should be made in the areas of financial sector reform, fiscal policy and structural reforms, reflecting the steps taken by the Cypriot authorities by the first quarter of 2015, in particular with regard to: (i) continuing to closely monitor the liquidity situation of the banking sector; (ii) streamlining the regulation and supervision of insurance companies and pension funds; (iii) further measures to strengthen the banks' management of non-performing loans and ensure long-term sustainable restructuring solutions, including targets for the work-out of non-performing loans and a strategic default study; (iv) the submission of a legal proposal enabling the sale of loans; (v) the presentation of a legal proposal ensuring the transfer of issued title deeds without delay while safeguarding against abuse; (vi) the monitoring on a continuous basis of the implementation and performance of the insolvency and foreclosure frameworks, ensuring that they support their objectives and principles; (vii) to reflect the fiscal performance in the first quarter of 2015, a revision of the 2015 primary balance target to a surplus of at least EUR 264 000 000 (1,5 % of GDP) and further adjustments to the primary surplus target for 2016-2018, also to remain in line with the adjustment path prescribed by the Stability and Growth Pact; (viii) the full implementation of a National Health System (NHS) by 2017; (ix) the operationalisation of the new integrated tax agency by setting up a single registration process and approving a new tax procedure code; (x) the adoption of a plan for the public administration reform leading to the improvement of the wage-setting mechanism, the introduction of a new staff-appraisal and promotion system and an increase in staff mobility; (xi) the consolidation of disability and student benefits; (xii) the inclusion in housing-market regulations of further requirements to accelerate the issuance of title deeds; (xiii) the preparation of a study as input for the national tourism strategy, as part of the Action Plan for Growth; and (xiv) the choice of an energy regulatory regime and market organisation and further progress on the unbundling of the Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC).
- (8) Throughout the implementation of Cyprus's comprehensive policy package, the Commission should provide additional policy advice and technical assistance in specific areas. A Member State subject to a macroeconomic adjustment programme experiencing insufficient administrative capacity may seek technical assistance from the Commission, which may constitute, for that purpose, groups of experts.
- (9) The Cypriot authorities should seek the views, in accordance with current national rules and practices, of social partners and civil-society organisations in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the macroeconomic adjustment programme,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 2 of Implementing Decision 2013/463/EU is amended as follows:

- (1) Paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:

'5. With a view to restoring the soundness of its financial sector, Cyprus shall continue to implement the restructuring of the banking and cooperative credit-institution sectors, continue to strengthen supervision and regulation, also taking into account the role of the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM), and undertake a reform of the debt-restructuring framework, while safeguarding financial stability.

The programme shall provide for the following measures and outcomes:

- (a) ensuring that the liquidity situation of the banking sector is closely monitored only for as long as is strictly necessary to mitigate serious risks for the stability of the financial system. The funding and capital plans of domestic banks relying on central bank funding or receiving State aid shall realistically reflect the anticipated deleveraging in the banking sector, and reduce dependency on borrowing from the central bank, while avoiding asset fire sales and a credit crunch;
- (b) adapting the minimum capital requirements, taking into account the parameters of the balance sheet assessment and the comprehensive assessment;

- (c) providing that banks with a capital shortfall may, if other measures do not suffice, ask for recapitalisation aid from the State in accordance with State-aid procedures. Banks with restructuring plans shall report on the progress in their implementation of the plans;
- (d) ensuring that the credit register is fully operational;
- (e) taking into account the role of the SSM, ensuring the full implementation of the regulatory framework with respect to loan origination, asset impairment and provisioning;
- (f) ensuring that banks regularly communicate with authorities and markets with regard to their progress in restructuring their operations;
- (g) ensuring the revision of the governance directive, which will specify, inter alia, the interaction between banks' internal audit units and bank supervisors;
- (h) strengthening the banks' governance, including by prohibiting lending to independent board members or their connected parties;
- (i) ensuring the necessary staff and amendments in light of the new responsibility taken on by the Central Bank of Cyprus (CBC), in particular for the resolution and supervisory functions, and the transposition into national law of the Single Rulebook, including Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (*) and Directive 2014/49/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (**);
- (j) streamlining the regulation and supervision of insurance companies and pension funds;
- (k) strengthening the management of non-performing loans, taking into account the developments and timelines of the SSM. This includes notably: the monitoring and publication of restructuring targets set by the CBC; measures to allow lenders to obtain adequate information on the financial situation of borrowers, and to file for, obtain, and realise an attachment of financial assets and earnings of delinquent borrowers; measures to allow and facilitate the transfer by lenders to third parties of existing loans, together with all collateral and securities, without having to obtain the consent of the borrower;
- (l) adopting legislation ensuring the swift transfer of issued title deeds to property-buyers while safeguarding against abuse;
- (m) easing constraints on the seizure of collateral, notably by ensuring the smooth and effective functioning of the revised foreclosure framework; this shall be accompanied by implementing and complementing the comprehensive reform of the corporate and personal insolvency procedures, including any additional administrative acts and regulations needed. The implementation and performance of the new insolvency framework shall be monitored on a continuous basis to ensure that it supports its objectives and principles, and if necessary, amendments will be proposed. Also, a comprehensive review of the private-sector debt-restructuring legal framework shall be conducted by early 2016, with an action plan of modifications to that framework to correct any deficiencies. Recommendations on the Civil Procedure Code and Court Rules shall be formulated to ensure the smooth and effective functioning of the revised foreclosure law and the new insolvency framework, also aiming at improving the pace of court handling and the reduction of backlogs in courts;
- (n) ensuring that the Cooperative Group provides for timely and complete implementation of the agreed restructuring plan and takes further measures to improve its operational capacity, in particular in the areas of arrears-management, Management Information Systems, governance, and management capacity;
- (o) continuing to further strengthen the anti-money-laundering framework and implementing an action plan ensuring the application of improved practices with regard to customer due diligence and entity transparency, in line with best practice.

(*) Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms and amending Council Directive 82/891/EEC, and Directives 2001/24/EC, 2002/47/EC, 2004/25/EC, 2005/56/EC, 2007/36/EC, 2011/35/EU, 2012/30/EU and 2013/36/EU, and Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010 and (EU) No 648/2012, of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 190).

(**) Directive 2014/49/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on deposit guarantee schemes (OJ L 173, 12.6.2014, p. 149).

(2) The following paragraph is inserted:

‘7b. For the fiscal policy in 2017-2018, the Cypriot authorities shall pursue a general government balance that will ensure debt sustainability and is in line with the adjustment path prescribed by the Stability and Growth Pact.’.

(3) In paragraph 8, point (h) is replaced by the following:

‘(h) reform of the public administration to improve its functioning and efficiency, in particular by reviewing the size and functional organisation of the public service, improving the wage-setting mechanism, introducing new staff-appraisal and promotion systems and increasing staff mobility in order to ensure the efficient use of government resources and the provision of a quality service to the population;’.

(4) Paragraphs 12 and 13 are replaced by the following:

‘12. Cyprus shall ensure a reduction in the title deed issuance backlog, and streamline procedures in order to allow for the swift and efficient issuance of new building certificates and title deeds.

13. As part of the Action Plan for Growth, Cyprus shall take initiatives to strengthen the competitiveness of its tourism sector, notably by implementing the tourism-sector action plan, by identifying impediments to competition in the tourism sector, by adopting a new national tourism strategy, and by implementing an aero-political strategy taking into account the Union external aviation and aviation agreements, while ensuring sufficient air connectivity.’.

(5) Paragraph 16 is replaced by the following:

‘16. Cyprus shall implement the Action Plan for Growth with due consideration to the ongoing public-administration reform, the public financial-management reform, other commitments in Cyprus’s macroeconomic adjustment programme and relevant Union initiatives, taking into account the Partnership Agreement for the implementation of the European Structural and Investment Funds. The Action Plan for Growth will be coordinated and enforced through a single body.’.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Cyprus.

Done at Brussels, 14 July 2015.

For the Council
The President
P. GRAMEGNA

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2015/1209
of 20 July 2015
appointing a member of the Court of Auditors

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 286(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal by the Kingdom of Denmark,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) On 24 January 2012, the Council adopted Decision 2012/60/EU ⁽¹⁾, appointing seven members of the Court of Auditors until 28 February 2018.
- (2) On 1 February 2015, a seat became vacant following the death of Mr Henrik OTBO.
- (3) A new member should therefore be appointed to serve for the remainder of Mr OTBO's term of office,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ms Bettina Michelle JAKOBSEN is hereby appointed member of the Court of Auditors for the period from 1 September 2015 to 28 February 2018.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2015.

For the Council
The President
F. MOGHERINI

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2012/60/EU of 24 January 2012 appointing seven members of the Court of Auditors (OJ L 30, 2.2.2012, p. 18).

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2015/1210
of 20 July 2015
appointing an Estonian member of the Committee of the Regions

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Estonian Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 January, on 5 February and on 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 ⁽¹⁾, (EU) 2015/190 ⁽²⁾ and (EU) 2015/994 ⁽³⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020.
- (2) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Toomas VITSUT,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following is hereby appointed as member to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

Mr Kalev KALLO, *Chairman of Tallinn City Council*.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2015.

For the Council
The President
F. MOGHERINI

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42.
⁽²⁾ OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25.
⁽³⁾ OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70.

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2015/1211**of 20 July 2015****establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organization**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 91, Article 100(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 29 January 1996, the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan applied for accession to the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization ('the Marrakesh Agreement'), pursuant to Article XII of that Agreement.
- (2) On 6 February 1996, a Working Party on the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan was established in order to reach agreement on the terms of accession acceptable to the Republic of Kazakhstan and all Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- (3) The Commission, on behalf of the Union, has negotiated a comprehensive series of market opening commitments on the part of the Republic of Kazakhstan which satisfy the Union's requests on tariffs, on export duties and on trade in services.
- (4) Those commitments are now embodied in the Protocol of Accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the WTO ('the Protocol of Accession').
- (5) Accession to the WTO is expected to make a positive and lasting contribution to the process of economic reform and sustainable development in the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- (6) The Protocol of Accession should therefore be approved.
- (7) Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement provides that the terms of accession are to be agreed between the acceding State and the WTO, and that the Ministerial Conference of the WTO approves the terms of accession on the WTO side. Article IV.2 of that Agreement provides that in the intervals between meetings of the Ministerial Conference, its functions are to be conducted by the General Council of the WTO.
- (8) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the General Council of the WTO on the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the WTO,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organization is to approve the accession.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2015.

For the Council
The President
F. MOGHERINI

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2015/1212
of 20 July 2015
appointing a Latvian member of the European Economic and Social Committee

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 302 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Latvian Government,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 13 September 2010 the Council adopted Decision 2010/570/EU, Euratom appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2010 to 20 September 2015 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) A member's seat on the European Economic and Social Committee has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Armands KRAUZE,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Mr Gustavs NORKĀRKLIS, *biedrības 'Latvijas Bioloģiskās lauksaimniecības asociācija' valdes priekšsēdētājs*, is hereby appointed as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2015.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2015.

For the Council

The President

F. MOGHERINI

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 251, 25.9.2010, p. 8.

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/1213**of 22 July 2015****authorising extension of uses of flavonoids from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council***(notified under document C(2015) 4968)***(Only the Dutch and the French texts are authentic)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 1997 concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The specification of flavonoids from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. has been laid down and its placing on the market has been authorised in several foods at certain maximum use levels by Commission Implementing Decision 2011/761/EU ⁽²⁾.
- (2) On 19 March 2014, the company Kaneka Pharma Europe NV made a request to the competent authorities of Belgium for extension of uses of flavonoids from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. as a novel food ingredient.
- (3) On 6 August 2014, the competent food assessment body of Belgium issued its initial assessment report. In that report it came to the conclusion that the extension of uses of flavonoids from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. meets the criteria for novel food set out in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97.
- (4) On 22 September 2014, the Commission forwarded the initial assessment report to the other Member States.
- (5) Reasoned objections were raised within the 60 day period laid down in the first subparagraph of Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97. Additional explanations by the applicant alleviated the concerns to the satisfaction of Member States and the Commission.
- (6) Commission Directive 1999/21/EC ⁽³⁾ lays down requirements for dietary foods for special medical purposes. Commission Directive 96/8/EC ⁽⁴⁾ lays down requirements on foods intended for use in energy-restricted diets for weight reduction. The use of flavonoids from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. should be authorised without prejudice to the requirements of those legislations.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Flavonoids from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. (hereinafter referred to as 'Glavonoid'), as specified in Annex I may be placed on the market in the Union as a novel food ingredient for the uses specified in Annex II without prejudice to the provisions of Directive 96/8/EC and Directive 1999/21/EC.

Glavonoid shall not be sold to the final consumer as such.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 43, 14.2.1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2011/761/EU of 24 November 2011 authorising the placing on the market of flavonoids from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 313, 26.11.2011, p. 37).

⁽³⁾ Commission Directive 1999/21/EC of 25 March 1999 on dietary foods for special medical purposes (OJ L 91, 7.4.1999, p. 29).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Directive 96/8/EC of 26 February 1996 on foods intended for use in energy-restricted diets for weight reduction (OJ L 55, 6.3.1996, p. 22).

Article 2

1. The designation of Glavonoid authorised by this Decision on the labelling of the foodstuffs containing it shall be 'flavonoids from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L.'.
2. There shall be a statement on the labelling of the foods where the product was added as a novel food ingredient indicating that:
 - (a) the product should not be consumed by pregnant and breast feeding women, children and young adolescents; and
 - (b) people taking prescription drugs should only consume the product under medical supervision;
 - (c) a maximum of 120 mg of Glavonoid per day should be consumed.
3. The amount of Glavonoid in the final food shall be indicated on the labelling of the food containing it.
4. Beverages containing Glavonoid shall be presented to the final consumer as single portions.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Kaneka Pharma Europe NV Triomflaan 173, 1160 Brussels, Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 22 July 2015.

For the Commission
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

SPECIFICATIONS OF GLAVONOID

Description

Glavonoid is an extract derived from the roots or rootstock of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* by extraction with ethanol followed by further extraction of this ethanolic extract with medium-chain triglycerides. It is a dark-brown coloured liquid, containing 2,5 % to 3,5 % of glabridin.

Specifications

Parameter	
Moisture	less than 0,5 %
Ash	less than 0,1 %
Peroxide value	less than 0,5 meq/kg
Glabridin	2,5 to 3,5 % of fat
Glycyrrhizinic acid	less than 0,005 %
Fat including polyphenol-type substances	not less than 99 %
Protein	less than 0,1 %
Carbohydrates	not detectable

ANNEX II

AUTHORISED USES OF GLAVONOID

Food category	Maximum content of Glavonoid
Foods intended for use in energy-restricted diets for weight reduction (only for products presented as a replacement for the whole of the daily diet)	120 mg of daily consumption
Dietary foods for special medical purposes	120 mg of daily consumption

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/1214
of 22 July 2015
creating the European Investment Project Portal and setting out its technical specifications

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015 on the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 — the European Fund for Strategic Investments ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 15(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 entrusts the Commission with the responsibility to create, with the support of the European Investment Bank (EIB), a European Investment Project Portal.
- (2) The technical specifications of the European Investment Project Portal should be set out,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The European Investment Project Portal (EIPP) is created.

Its technical specifications, as set out in the Annex, are adopted.

Article 2

The inclusion of projects in the EIPP shall comply with the following admission criteria:

- (a) the project (or the programme consisting of smaller projects) shall have a minimum size of EUR 10 000 000 in terms of required investments;
- (b) the project shall fall within one of the sectors listed in Article 9(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/1017;
- (c) the promoter shall be a legal entity established in a Member State;
- (d) the project shall be compatible with Union law and the law of the relevant Member State;
- (e) the project implementation shall be expected to start within three years from the submission to the EIPP.

Article 3

A project application processing fee of up to EUR 250 per project shall be charged to private project promoters.

Public sector project promoters shall be exempt from this fee.

The fee revenue shall give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with Article 21(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ and Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) 2015/1017.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 22 July 2015.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT PROJECT PORTAL (EIPP)**1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The EIPP, created pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 is a publicly available web portal of investment projects within the Union which acts as a platform to promote projects to potential investors worldwide. EIPP's main goal is to catalyse and accelerate the development and the fruition of investment projects in the Union, and through this, to contribute to higher employment and economic growth. The publication of a project on the EIPP does not amount to its endorsement by the European Commission or by the EIB and is not a condition to receive financing support by the Union or the (EIB). The EIPP is expected to be operational in January 2016.

The EIPP's main components will be:

- (i) a database of project fiches (project fiche being a structured summary information on individual EIPP projects);
- (ii) an interactive project map; and
- (iii) an interactive project directory in a tabular form.

Projects in EIPP will be grouped in sectors derived from the objectives and categories of Article 9(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/1017.

2. MANAGEMENT OF THE EIPP AND RELATIONS WITH PROJECT PROMOTERS AND WEBSITE USERS

The EIPP will be managed by the European Commission. Member States may contribute to its management. The EIPP content will be generated by project promoters, i.e. by private and public legal entities.

Participation of project promoters and other registered website users to the EIPP will be subject to their acceptance of the EIPP Terms And Conditions which will aim at ensuring the quality of published information received from project promoters while making clear that the European Commission does not guarantee the accuracy of the information published and cannot be held liable for any claims based on the publication of the project.

A disclaimer shall alert the website users that the European Commission cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information published and that potential investors have to carry out their own usual due diligence, including on financial aspects and any other aspect relevant for their decision on whether to invest in a project.

3. PROJECT SCREENING

A project screening will be performed by the services of the European Commission on the basis of the admission criteria set out in Article 2 of this Decision. The Member States will be invited to appoint one or more contact points and to sign service level agreements defining their contribution for the purposes of the screening. The role of the EIB in promoting the EIPP will be set out in a service level agreement. Some technical aspects of the validation process, such as the verification of project promoters' identity, may be outsourced to third parties.

The publication of information submitted by promoters shall be denied if the information is inaccurate or if its publication may entail legal or reputational risks for the European Commission or the Member States, or both. The information on projects shall be removed from the EIPP if it is not updated for three years.

ACTS ADOPTED BY BODIES CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

DECISION No 1/2014 OF THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of 7 November 2014

adopting its Rules of Procedure and those of the Association Committee [2015/1215]

THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and Central America, on the other, ('the Agreement') and in particular Article 4 and Articles 5(2), 7(3) and 8(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 353(4), Part IV of the Agreement concerning trade matters has been applied since 1 August 2013 with Nicaragua, Honduras and Panama, since 1 October 2013 with El Salvador and Costa Rica and since 1 December 2013 with Guatemala.
- (2) In order to contribute to the effective implementation of the Agreement, its institutional framework should be established as soon as possible.
- (3) Save as otherwise specified in the Agreement, it is for the Association Council to supervise the implementation of the Agreement and to establish its own rules of procedure as well as those of the Association Committee and Sub Committees,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

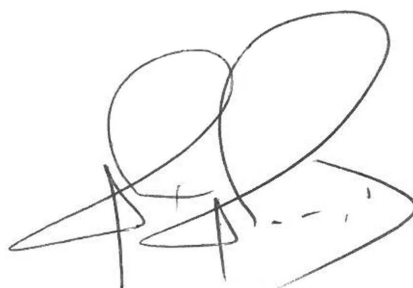
The Rules of Procedure of the Association Council and those of the Association Committee and the Sub-Committees, as set out in Annexes A and B respectively, are hereby adopted.

This Decision shall be adopted through written procedure. It shall enter into force on the date of reception by the Secretariat of this Decision duly signed by all the Parties.

Done at San José, Costa Rica on 7 November 2014.

For the Association Council,

For the CA Party,

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For Costa Rica

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For El Salvador

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Por Guatemala

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For Honduras

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For Nicaragua

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For Panamá

For the EU Party,

A signature with the text 'C. H. A. C.' written in a stylized font.

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ANNEX A

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL*Article 1***General provisions**

1. The Association Council that is established in accordance with Article 4(1) of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one hand, and Central America, of the other ('Agreement') shall perform its duties as provided for in Article 4(2) of the Agreement and take responsibility for general implementation of the Agreement, as well as any other bilateral, multilateral or international question of common interest.
2. As provided for in Articles 5 and 345 of the Agreement, the Association Council shall be composed of representatives of the EU Party and representatives of each of the Republics of the CA Party, at ministerial level as appropriate and taking into consideration the specific issues to be addressed at any given session. Where appropriate and agreed by both parties, the Association Council shall meet at Head of State or Government level.
3. Pursuant to Article 345 of the Agreement, when the Association Council performs exclusively or principally the tasks conferred upon it in Part IV of the Agreement, it shall be composed of representatives of the EU Party and the Ministers of each of the Republics of the CA Party with responsibility for trade-related matters.
4. As provided for in Article 352(3) of the Agreement, the Republics of the CA Party shall act collectively in the decision making within the institutional framework of the Agreement; the adoption of decisions and recommendations shall require their consensus.
5. Reference to the Parties in these Rules of Procedure is in accordance with the definition provided for in Article 352 of the Agreement.

*Article 2***Chairmanship**

The Association Council shall be chaired alternately for periods of 12 months by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and a representative at ministerial level of the CA Party. The first period shall begin on the date of the first Association Council meeting and end on 31 December of the same year.

*Article 3***Meetings**

1. The Association Council shall meet regularly at a period not exceeding 2 years. Special sessions of the Association Council may be held if the Parties so agree, at the request of a Party.
2. Each session of the Association Council shall be held where appropriate and at a date agreed by the Parties.
3. The meetings of the Association Council shall be jointly convened by the Secretaries of the Association Council, in agreement with the Chair of the Association Council.
4. By way of exception, and if the Parties agree, the meetings of the Association Council may be held by technological means, such as video-conference.

*Article 4***Representation**

1. The members of the Association Council may be represented if unable to attend. If a member wishes to be so represented, he or she must notify in writing to the Chair, of the name of his or her representative before the meeting at which he or she is to be so represented.
2. The representative of a member of the Association Council shall exercise all the rights of that member.

*Article 5***Delegations**

1. The members of the Association Council may be accompanied by officials. Before each meeting, the Chairman shall be informed, through the Secretariat, of the intended composition of the delegation of each Party.
2. The Association Council may, by agreement between the Parties, invite non-members to attend its meetings as observers or in order to provide information on particular subjects.

*Article 6***Secretariat**

An official of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union and an official of the CA Party shall act jointly as Secretaries of the Association Council.

*Article 7***Correspondence**

1. Correspondence addressed to the Association Council shall be directed to the Secretary of either the EU Party or of the Republics of the CA Party, which in turn will inform the other Secretary.
2. The Secretariat shall ensure that correspondence is forwarded to the Chair and, where appropriate, circulated to the other members of the Association Council.
3. The Secretariat shall send the correspondence to the General Secretariat of the European Commission, the European External Action Service, the Permanent Representations of the Member States and to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, as well as to the Embassies of the Republics of the CA Party established in Brussels, Belgium, with copy, as applicable, to the ministries responsible for foreign affairs or the ministries responsible for trade-related matters.
4. Communications from the Chair of the Association Council shall be sent to the addressees by the Secretariat and circulated, where appropriate, to the other members of the Association Council at the addresses indicated in the third paragraph.

*Article 8***Confidentiality**

1. Unless otherwise decided, the meetings of the Association Council shall not be public.
2. When a Party submits to the Association Council information designated as confidential, the other Party shall treat that information in accordance with the procedure described in Article 336(2) of the Agreement.

3. Each Party may decide on the publication of the decisions and recommendations of the Association Council in its respective official publication.

Article 9

Agendas for the meetings

1. The Chair shall draw up a provisional agenda for each meeting. It shall be dispatched by the Secretaries of the Association Council to the addressees referred to in Article 7 not later than 15 calendar days before the beginning of the meeting.

The provisional agenda shall include the items in respect of which the Chair has received a request for inclusion in the agenda not later than 21 calendar days before the beginning of the meeting, save that such items shall not be written into the provisional agenda the supporting documentation for which has not been forwarded to the Secretaries not later than the date of dispatch of the agenda.

2. The agenda shall be adopted by the Association Council at the beginning of each meeting. An item other than those appearing on the provisional agenda may be placed on the agenda if the Parties so agree.
3. The Chair may reduce, in consultation with the Parties, the time periods specified in paragraph 1 in order to take account of the requirements of a particular case.

Article 10

Minutes

1. Draft minutes of each meeting shall be drawn up jointly by the two Secretaries.
2. The minutes shall, as a general rule, indicate in respect of each item on the agenda:
 - (a) the documentation submitted to the Association Council;
 - (b) statements which a member of the Association Council has asked to be entered; and
 - (c) issues agreed to by the Parties, such as decisions adopted, the statements agreed upon and any conclusions, among others.
3. The draft minutes shall be submitted to the Association Council for approval. They shall be approved within 45 calendar days after each Association Council meeting. Once approved, the minutes shall be signed by the Chair and the two Secretaries. A certified true copy shall be forwarded to each of the addressees referred to in Article 7.

Article 11

Decisions and recommendations

1. The Association Council shall take decisions and make recommendations by mutual agreement between the Parties, which shall be signed by the Republics of the CA Party and the EU Party.
2. The Association Council may also take decisions or make recommendations by written procedure if the Parties so agree. For this purpose, the text of the proposal shall be circulated in writing by the Chair of the Association Council to its members pursuant to Article 7, with a time limit of no less than 21 calendar days within which members must make known any reservations or amendments they wish to make. Once the text is agreed to, the decision or recommendation shall be signed independently and successively by the representatives of the EU Party and each of the Republics of the CA Party.

3. The acts of the Association Council shall be entitled 'Decision' or 'Recommendation' respectively within the meaning of Article 6 of the Agreement. The Secretariat of the Association Council shall give any decision or recommendation a serial number, the date of adoption and a description of their subject-matter. Each decision shall provide for the date of its entry into force and shall be signed by the Republics of the CA Party and the EU Party.
4. The decisions and recommendations of the Association Council shall be authenticated by the two Secretaries.
5. The decisions and recommendations shall be forwarded to each of the addressees referred to in Article 7 of these rules of Procedure.
6. Each Party may decide to order publication of the decisions and recommendations of the Association Council in its respective official publication.

Article 12

Languages

1. The official languages of the Association Council shall be Spanish and another of the authentic languages of the Agreement agreed by the Parties.
2. Unless otherwise decided, the Association Council shall base its deliberations on documentation prepared in those languages.

Article 13

Expenses

1. Each Party shall meet any expenses it incurs as a result of participating in the meetings of the Association Council, both with regard to staff, travel and subsistence expenditure and with regard to postal and telecommunications expenditure.
2. Expenditure in connection with the organisation of meetings and reproduction of documents shall be borne by the Party hosting the meeting.
3. Expenditure in connection with interpreting at meetings and translation of documents into or from Spanish and the other official language of the Association Council as referred to in Article 12(1) of these Rules of Procedure shall be borne by the Party hosting the meeting. Interpreting and translation into or from other languages shall be borne directly by the requesting Party.

Article 14

Association Committee

1. In accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement, the Association Council shall be assisted in carrying out its duties by the Association Committee. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the EU Party, on the one hand, and of representatives of the CA Party, on the other hand, at the level determined by the Agreement.
2. The Association Committee shall prepare the meetings and the deliberations of the Association Council ⁽¹⁾, implement the decisions of the Association Council where appropriate and, in general, ensure continuity of the association relationship and the proper functioning of the Agreement. It shall consider any matter referred to it by the Association Council as well as any other matter which may arise in the course of the day-to-day implementation of the Agreement. It shall submit proposals or any draft decisions/recommendations to the Association Council for its approval. In accordance with Article 7(4) of the Agreement, the Association Council may empower the Association Committee to take decisions on its behalf.

⁽¹⁾ Regarding Part IV of the Agreement, this function shall be complied by the Association Committee in close coordination with the Coordinators designated in accordance with Article 347 of the Agreement.

3. In cases where the Agreement refers to an obligation to consult or a possibility of consultation or where the Parties decide by mutual agreement to consult each other, such consultation may take place within the Association Committee, except as otherwise specified in the Agreement. The consultation may continue in the Association Council if the two Parties so agree.

Article 15

Amendment of Rules of Procedure

These Rules of Procedure may be amended in accordance with the provisions of Article 11.

ANNEX B

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES*Article 1***General provisions**

1. The Association Committee that is established in accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other, (‘the Agreement’) shall perform its duties as provided for in the Agreement and take responsibility for the general implementation of the Agreement.
2. As provided for in Article 7(1) and Article 346 of the Agreement, the Association Committee shall be composed of representatives of the EU Party and representatives of each of the Republics of the CA Party, at senior official level, which have competence over the specific issues to be addressed at any given session.
3. Pursuant to Article 346 of the Agreement, when the Association Committee performs the tasks conferred upon it in Part IV of the Agreement, it shall be composed of senior officials of the European Commission and of each of the Republics of the CA Party having responsibility for trade-related matters. A representative of the Party chairing the Association Committee shall act as chairperson.
4. As provided for in Article 352(3) of the Agreement, the Republics of the CA Party shall act collectively in the decision making in the institutional framework of the Agreement; the adoption of decisions and recommendations shall require their consensus.
5. Reference to the Parties in these Rules of Procedure is in accordance with the definition provided for in Article 352 of the Agreement.

*Article 2***Chairmanship**

The EU Party and the CA Party shall hold the Chair of the Association Committee, alternately, for a period of 12 months. The Chair shall be a Member of the Association Committee. The first period shall begin on the date of the first Association Committee meeting and end on 31 December of the same year.

*Article 3***Meetings**

1. Save as otherwise agreed by the Parties, the Association Committee shall meet regularly, at least once a year. Special sessions of the Association Committee may be held if the Parties so agree, at the request of a Party.
2. Each meeting of the Association Committee shall be convened by the Chair at a date and place agreed by the Parties. The convening notice of the meeting shall be issued by the Secretariat of the Association Committee to the Members no later than 28 calendar days prior to the start of the session, unless the Parties agree otherwise.
3. Whenever it is possible, the regular meeting of the Association Committee shall be convened in due time in advance of the regular meeting of the Association Council.
4. By way of exception and if the Parties agree, the meetings of the Association Committee may be held by any agreed technological means.

*Article 4***Representation**

1. Each Party shall notify to the other Parties the list of its representatives in the Association Committee ('Members') for the different issues to be addressed. The list shall be administered by the Secretariat of the Association Committee.
2. A Member wishing to be represented by an alternate representative for a particular meeting shall notify in writing to the other Parties of the Association Committee of the name of his or her alternate representative before that meeting takes place. The alternate representative of a Member shall exercise all the rights of that Member.

*Article 5***Delegations**

The Members of the Association Committee may be accompanied by other officials. Before each meeting, the Parties shall be informed, through the Secretariat, of the intended composition of the delegations attending the meeting.

*Article 6***Secretariat**

An official of the EU Party and an official of a Republic of the CA Party, who shall rotate in accordance with guidelines established to that effect by the Republics of the CA Party, shall act jointly as Secretaries of the Association Committee.

*Article 7***Correspondence**

1. Correspondence addressed to the Association Committee shall be directed to the Secretary of either the EU Party or of the Republic of the CA Party, which in turn will inform the other Secretary.
2. The Secretariat shall ensure that correspondence addressed to the Association Committee is forwarded to the Chair of the Committee and circulated, where appropriate, as documents referred to in Article 8 of these Rules of Procedure.
3. Correspondence from the Chair of the Association Committee shall be sent to the Parties by the Secretariat and circulated, where appropriate, as documents referred to in Article 8 of these Rules of Procedure.

*Article 8***Documents**

1. Where the deliberations of the Association Committee are based on written supporting documents, such documents shall be numbered and circulated by the Secretariat to the Members.
2. Each Secretary shall be responsible for circulating the documents to the appropriate Members of his or her side in the Association Committee and systematically copying the other Secretary.

*Article 9***Confidentiality**

1. Unless otherwise decided, the meetings of the Association Committee shall not be public.

2. When a Party submits to the Association Committee, Sub-Committees, Working Groups or any other bodies, information designated as confidential, the other Party shall treat that information in accordance with the procedure described in Article 336(2) of the Agreement.
3. Each Party may decide on the publication of the decisions and recommendations of the Association Committee in its respective official publication.

Article 10

Agendas for the Meetings

1. A provisional agenda for each meeting shall be drawn up by the Secretariat of the Association Committee on the basis of proposals made by the Parties. It shall be forwarded, together with the relevant documents, to the Chair of the Association Committee and its Members no later than 15 calendar days before the beginning of the meeting as documents referred to in Article 8 of these Rules of Procedure.
2. The provisional agenda shall include items in respect of which the Secretariat of the Association Committee has received a request for inclusion in the agenda by a Party, together with the relevant documents, no later than 21 calendar days before the beginning of the meeting.
3. The agenda shall be adopted by the Association Committee at the beginning of each meeting. Items other than those appearing on the provisional agenda may be placed on the agenda if the Parties so agree.
4. The Chairperson of the session of the Association Committee may, upon agreement, invite observers on an ad-hoc basis to attend its meetings or experts in order to provide information on specific subjects.
5. The Chairperson of the session of the Association Committee may reduce, in consultation with the Parties, the time periods specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 in order to take account of the requirements of a particular case.

Article 11

Minutes

1. Draft minutes of each meeting shall be drawn up jointly by the two Secretaries, normally within 21 calendar days from the end of the meeting.
2. The minutes shall, as a general rule, indicate in respect of each item on the agenda:
 - (a) the documentation submitted to the Association Committee;
 - (b) statements which a Member of the Association Committee has asked to be entered; and
 - (c) issues agreed to by the Parties, such as decisions adopted, recommendations made, statements agreed upon and any conclusions on specific items, among others.
3. The minutes shall also include a list of Members or their alternate representatives who took part in the meeting, a list of the Members of the delegations accompanying them and a list of any observers or experts to the meeting.
4. The minutes shall be approved in writing by all Parties within 28 calendar days of the date of the meeting. Once approved, the minutes shall be signed by the Chair and the two Secretaries of the Association Committee. A certified true copy shall be forwarded to each of the Parties.
5. Unless otherwise agreed, the Association Committee shall adopt an action plan reflecting the actions agreed during the meeting and its implementation shall be reviewed in the following meeting.

*Article 12***Decisions and recommendations**

1. In the specific cases where the Agreement confers the power to take decisions or where such power has been delegated to it by the Association Council, the Association Committee shall take decisions and make recommendations by mutual agreement between the Parties, which shall be signed by the Republics of the CA Party and the EU Party during its meetings.
2. The Association Committee may take decisions or make recommendations by written procedure if the Parties so agree. For this purpose, the text of the proposal shall be circulated in writing by the Chair of the Association Committee to its Members pursuant to Article 8, with a time limit of no less than 21 calendar days within which Members must make known any reservations or amendments they wish to make. Once the text is agreed to, the decision or recommendation shall be signed independently and successively by the representatives of the EU Party and each of the Republics of the CA Party.
3. The acts of the Association Committee shall be entitled 'Decision' or 'Recommendation' respectively. The Secretariat of the Association Committee shall give any decision or recommendation a serial number, the date of adoption and a description of their subject-matter. Each decision shall provide for the date of its entry into force and shall be signed by the Republics of the CA Party and the EU Party.

*Article 13***Reports**

The Association Committee shall report to the Association Council on its activities and those of its Sub Committees, Working Groups and other bodies at each regular meeting of the Association Council.

*Article 14***Languages**

1. The official languages of the Association Committee shall be Spanish and another of the authentic languages of the Agreement agreed by the Parties.
2. Unless otherwise decided, the Association Committee shall base its deliberations on documentation prepared in those languages.

*Article 15***Expenses**

1. Each Party shall meet any expenses it incurs as a result of participating in the meetings of the Association Committee, both with regard to staff, travel and subsistence expenditure and with regard to postal and telecommunications expenditure.
2. Expenditure in connection with the organisation of meetings and reproduction of documents shall be borne by the Party hosting the meeting.
3. Expenditure in connection with interpreting at meetings and translation of documents into or from Spanish and the other official language of the Association Committee as referred to in Article 14(1) of these Rules of Procedure shall be borne by the Party hosting the meeting. Interpreting and translation into or from other languages shall be borne directly by the requesting Party.

*Article 16***Amendment of Rules of Procedure**

These Rules of Procedure may be amended in accordance with the provisions of Article 12.

*Article 17***Sub-Committees and specialised Working Groups**

1. In accordance with Article 8(2) of the Agreement, the Association Committee may decide to create Sub-Committees or specialised Working Groups other than provided for in the Agreement to assist it in the performance of its duties. The Association Committee may decide to abolish any such Sub-Committee or Working Group, define or amend their terms of reference. Unless otherwise decided, these sub-committees shall work under the authority of the Association Committee, to which they shall report after each of their meetings.

2. Unless otherwise provided for by the Agreement or agreed in the Association Council, the present rules of procedures shall be applied *mutatis mutandis* to any Sub-Committee, Board or specialised Working Group, with the following adaptations:

- (a) each Party shall notify in writing to the other Parties the list of its participants in these bodies and their respective functions. The Secretariat of the Association Committee shall administer these lists;
 - (b) all relevant correspondences, documents and communications between the contact points shall also be forwarded to the Secretariat of the Association Committee simultaneously;
 - (c) unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement or agreed by the Parties, the Sub-Committees, Boards or Working Groups shall only have the power to make recommendations.
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DECISION No 2/2014 OF THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of 7 November 2014
adopting the Rules of Procedure governing Dispute Settlement under Title X and the Code of
Conduct for members of panels and mediators [2015/1216]

THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other, ('the Agreement') and in particular Article 6(1) and Articles 319, 325 and 328 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(1), the Association Council has the power to take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 328(1), during its first meeting, the Association Council shall adopt rules of procedure as well as a code of conduct, governing dispute settlement under Title X of the Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

The Rules of Procedure governing the Dispute Settlement under Title X of the Agreement and the Code of Conduct Code for members of panels and mediators, as set out in Annexes A and B respectively, are hereby adopted.

This decision shall be adopted through written procedure. It shall enter into force on the date of reception by the Secretariat of this Decision duly signed by all the Parties.

Done at San José, Costa Rica on 7 November 2014.

For the Association Council,

For the CA Party,

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For Costa Rica

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For El Salvador

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For the EU Party,

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ANNEX A

RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES UNDER TITLE X OF THE AGREEMENT

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Any reference made in these Rules to an Article or Title is a reference to either the appropriate Article in the Agreement, or the Title X on Dispute Settlement of the Agreement in its entirety.
2. For purposes of the Title and under these Rules, the following terms shall be understood as:
 - (a) 'advisor': a person retained or appointed by a Party to advise or assist that Party in connection with the Panel proceeding;
 - (b) 'Agreement': the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other;
 - (c) 'assistant': a person who, under the terms of appointment of a panellist, or the Panel, conducts research or provides assistance to the panellist or the Panel; as required by the dispute;
 - (d) 'complaining Party': a Party that requests the establishment of a Panel under Article 311, which could be composed by one or more Republics of the CA Party;
 - (e) 'day': a calendar day;
 - (f) 'disputing Parties': the complaining Party and the Party complained against;
 - (g) 'disputing Party': the complaining Party or the Party complained against;
 - (h) 'legal holiday': Saturdays and Sundays, as well as any other days officially established by a Party as a legal holiday ⁽¹⁾;
 - (i) 'Panel': a Panel established under Article 312;
 - (j) 'panellist': a member of a Panel established under Article 312;
 - (k) 'Party complained against': any Party that is alleged to be in violation of the provisions referred to in Article 309, which could be composed by one or more Republics of the CA Party;
 - (l) 'representative of a Party': an employee or any person appointed by a government department or agency or any other public entity of a Party.
3. The Party complained against shall be in charge of the logistical administration of dispute settlement proceedings, in particular the organisation of hearings, unless otherwise agreed. However, disputing Parties shall share the expenses derived from organisational matters, including the expenses of the panellists as well as related translation.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

4. The disputing Parties and the Panel shall transmit any request, notice, written submission or other document by delivery against receipt, registered post, courier, facsimile transmission, telex, telegram, email, web links or any other means of telecommunication that provides a record of the dispatch or receipt thereof. With regard to the Party submitting the document, the date of delivery shall be the date indicated in the record of dispatch. With regard to the Party receiving the document, the delivery date will be the date indicated in the record of receipt of the document. The time that elapses between the date of delivery of the document and the effective receipt thereof shall not be considered in the calculation of the procedural time periods.

⁽¹⁾ This includes permanent holidays, including but not limited to religious or historical holidays, as well as any other holidays established on a non-permanent basis.

5. A disputing Party shall simultaneously provide a copy of each of its written submissions to the other disputing Party at the office indicated in Rule 67 and to each of the panellists. A copy of the document shall also be provided in electronic format. Similarly, the disputing Parties and the Panel where indicated in the Title shall provide a copy of the submissions to the Association Committee.
6. All notifications made by the Panel shall be addressed to the relevant offices of the Parties to the procedure.
7. Minor errors of a clerical nature in any request, notice, written submission or other document related to the Panel proceeding may be corrected by delivery of a new document clearly indicating the changes.
8. If the last day for delivery of a document falls on a legal holiday of a Party to the procedure, or if the relevant office is closed on that day due to *force majeure*, the document may be delivered on the next business day for that Party.

COMMENCING THE PANEL PROCEDURE

9. Once a member of the Panel is appointed in accordance with Article 312, the appointed panellist shall have 10 days to accept such appointment. The acceptance by the panellist must be accompanied by the Initial Declaration established in the Code of Conduct.
10. Unless the disputing Parties otherwise agree, individuals who have acted in the capacity of mediator or any other dispute resolution function may not serve as panellists in a subsequent dispute related to the same subject matter.
11. Unless the disputing Parties agree otherwise, they shall communicate with or meet the Panel within 7 days of its establishment according to Article 312 paragraph 6 in order to determine such matters that the disputing Parties or the Panel deem appropriate, including but not limited to the remuneration and expenses to be paid to the panellists and other individuals as established pursuant to Rules 63, 64 and 65.

INITIAL SUBMISSIONS

12. The complaining Party shall deliver its initial written submission no later than 20 days after the date of establishment of the Panel. The Party complained against shall deliver its written counter-submission no later than 20 days after the date of delivery of the initial written submission.

WORKING OF PANELS

13. The Panel shall establish its working schedule allowing the disputing Parties adequate time to comply with all steps of the proceedings. The working schedule shall establish precise dates and time periods for the submission of all relevant communications, submissions and other documents as well as for any Panel hearings. The Panel may modify, subject to Rule 19, the working schedule by its own initiative or after consultation with the Parties, and shall in any event promptly notify the disputing Parties of any modifications to the working schedule.
14. The chairperson of the Panel shall preside at all its meetings. A Panel may delegate to the chairperson authority to make administrative and procedural decisions.
15. The Panel may conduct its activities by any means, including telephone, facsimile transmissions, registered mail, courier, telex, telegram, email, videoconference or web links, unless otherwise provided for in Part IV of the Agreement or elsewhere. When deciding which means to use, the Panel shall ensure that the means do not diminish a Party's right to fully and effectively participate in the proceedings.
16. Only panellists may take part in the deliberations of the Panel. However, the Panel may permit its assistants, interpreters or translators to be present at its deliberations.
17. The adoption of any procedural decision, including the Panel ruling on the subject matter, shall remain the exclusive responsibility of the Panel and must not be delegated.

18. Where a procedural question arises that is not covered by the provisions of the Title or in these Rules, a Panel may adopt for that particular dispute any appropriate procedure compatible with those provisions.
19. When the Panel considers that there is a need to modify any time period applicable in the proceedings or to make any other procedural or administrative adjustment, it shall inform the disputing Parties in writing of the reasons for the change or adjustment and of the period or adjustment needed. The time periods of Article 317 paragraph 3 shall not be modified, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

REPLACEMENT

20. If a panellist is unable to participate in the proceeding, withdraws, or must be replaced, a replacement shall be selected in accordance with Article 312.
21. Where a disputing Party considers that a panellist is in violation of the Code of Conduct or does not fulfil the requirements set out in Article 325 and for this reason should be replaced, this Party may request the removal of the panellist by notifying the other disputing Party within 10 days from the time at which it came to know of the circumstances underlying the panellist's material violation of the Code of Conduct.
22. Where a disputing Party considers that a panellist other than the chairperson is in violation of the Code of Conduct, the disputing Parties shall, within 10 days, consult and, if they so agree, replace the panellist and select a replacement in accordance with Article 312.

If the disputing Parties fail to agree on the need to replace a panellist, any disputing Party may request that such matter be referred to the chairperson of the Panel, whose decision shall be final.

If the chairperson concludes that a panellist is in violation of the Code of Conduct, a replacement shall be selected. The selection of the replacement shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant paragraph of Article 312, based on which the panellist to be replaced was initially selected. Absent selection of a replacement in accordance with the relevant paragraph of Article 312 within 10 days from the chairperson's communication to the Parties regarding a panellist's violation of the Code of Conduct, the chairperson shall select the new panellist. This selection shall take place within 5 days and shall be promptly communicated to the disputing Parties.

23. Where a disputing Party considers that the chairperson of the Panel is in violation of the Code of Conduct, the Parties shall, within 10 days, consult and, if they so agree, replace the chairperson and select a replacement in accordance with Article 312.

If the disputing Parties fail to agree on the need to replace the chairperson, any disputing Party may request that such matter be referred to one of the remaining individuals selected to act as chairpersons under Article 325 paragraph 1 of the Title. His or her name shall be drawn by lot, no later than 5 days from the date of the request, in the presence of the Parties if they so choose, by the chairperson of the Association Committee or the chairperson's delegate. The decision on the need to replace the chairperson shall be final.

If this person concludes that the original chairperson is in violation of the Code of Conduct, he or she shall select a new chairperson by lot among the remaining pool of individuals referred to under Article 325 paragraph 1 of the Title. This selection shall be done in the presence of the disputing Parties if they so choose and shall take place within 5 days from the date of the lot referred to in the previous paragraph.

24. Any panellist believed to be in violation of the Code of Conduct may also resign, without this resignation implying an acceptance of the validity of the grounds that formed the basis of the replacement request.
25. On appointing the replacement, the Panel shall decide at its entire discretion, if all or part of the hearings shall be repeated.
26. The Panel proceedings shall be suspended for the period taken to carry out the procedures provided for in Rules 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

HEARINGS

27. The chairperson shall fix the date, venue and time of the hearing in consultation ⁽¹⁾ with the disputing Parties and the other members of the Panel, and shall notify this in writing to the disputing Parties. This information shall also be made publicly available by the disputing Party in charge of the logistical administration of the proceedings unless the hearing is closed to the public. Unless the disputing Parties disagree, the Panel may decide not to convene a hearing.
28. Unless the disputing Parties agree otherwise, the hearing shall be held in Brussels if the Party complained against is the European Union or in the relevant Central American capital if the Party complained against is a Republic of the CA Party.
29. The Panel may convene additional hearings if the disputing Parties so agree.
30. All panellists shall be present during the entirety of any hearing so as to ensure the effective resolution of the dispute and the validity of the Panel's actions, decisions and rulings.
31. The following persons may attend the hearing, irrespective of whether the hearing is closed to the public or not:
- (a) representatives of the disputing Parties;
 - (b) advisers to the disputing Parties;
 - (c) administrative staff, interpreters, translators and court reporters; and
 - (d) panellists' assistants.
- Only the representatives and advisers of the disputing Parties may address the Panel.
32. No later than 5 days before the date of a hearing, each disputing Party shall deliver to the Panel a list of the names of persons who will make oral arguments or presentations at the hearing on behalf of that Party and of other representatives or advisers who will be attending the hearing. The disputing Parties shall not include in their delegations, persons that directly or indirectly possess a financial or personal interest in the matter. The disputing Parties may object the presence of any of the aforementioned persons, stating the reasons for said objection. The objection shall be decided by the Panel at the beginning of the hearing.
33. The hearings of the panels shall be open to the public, unless the disputing Parties decide that the hearings shall be partially or completely closed to the public. However, the Panel shall meet in closed session when the submission and arguments of a disputing Party contains confidential information, including but not limited to commercial information.
34. The Panel shall conduct the hearing in the following manner, ensuring that the complaining Party and the Party complained against are afforded equal time:

Argument

- (a) argument of the complaining Party
- (b) argument of the Party complained against

Rebuttal Argument

- (a) rebuttal
- (b) surrebuttal

35. The Panel may direct questions to either disputing Party at any time during the hearing.

⁽¹⁾ The result of the consultations referred to in this rule, shall not be binding for the Panel.

36. The Panel shall arrange for a transcript of each hearing to be promptly prepared and communicated to the disputing Parties.
37. Each disputing Party may deliver a supplementary written submission concerning any matter that arose during the hearing within 10 days of the final date of the hearing.

QUESTIONS IN WRITING

38. The Panel may at any time during the proceedings address questions in writing to one or both Parties. Each of the disputing Parties shall receive a copy of any questions from the Panel.
39. A disputing Party shall simultaneously provide a copy of its written response to the Panel's questions to the other disputing Party. Each disputing Party shall be given the opportunity to provide written comments on the other disputing Party's reply within 5 days of the date of delivery.

EVIDENCE

40. The disputing Parties shall, to the furthest possible extent, present evidence with the initial written submission and the written counter submission in support of the arguments made therein. The disputing Parties may also submit additional evidence in support of the arguments made in their rebuttal and surrebuttal submissions. Exceptionally, the disputing Parties may submit additional evidence where such evidence has only become available or come to the attention of a disputing Party after the exchange of written submissions or where the Panel considers such evidence pertinent and provides the other disputing Party an opportunity to comment on it.

CONFIDENTIALITY

41. The disputing Parties and their advisers shall maintain the confidentiality of the Panel hearings where the hearings are held in a fully or partially closed session, in accordance with Rule 33. Each disputing Party and its advisers shall treat as confidential any information submitted by the other disputing Party to the Panel which that disputing Party has designated as confidential. Where a disputing Party submits a confidential version of its written submissions to the Panel, it shall also, upon request of the other disputing Party, provide a non-confidential summary of the information contained in its submissions that could be disclosed to the public no later than 15 days after the date of either the request or the submission, whichever is later. Nothing in these Rules shall preclude a Party from disclosing statements of its own positions to the public to the extent that they do not contain confidential commercial information.

EX PARTE CONTACTS

42. The Panel shall not meet or contact a disputing Party in the absence of the other Party.
43. No member of the Panel may discuss any aspect of the subject matter of the proceedings with one disputing Party or both Parties in the absence of the other panellists.

INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ADVICE

44. When requesting information and technical advice pursuant to Article 320 paragraph 2, the Panel shall request such information and technical advice at the earliest possible point in time and in any event not later than 15 days from the date of the final hearing, unless the Panel demonstrates that exceptional circumstances apply.
45. Prior to requesting information or technical advice, the Panel shall establish and notify to the disputing Parties the procedures it will follow in order to obtain the information. Such procedures shall include:
 - (a) an opportunity for the disputing Parties to submit to the Panel written observations regarding the factual issues that the experts, bodies or other sources are requested to address;
 - (b) the identification and appointment of the expert or advisor by the Panel and the establishment of the period of time in which the information or technical advice shall be provided; and

- (c) an adequate period of time for the disputing Parties to provide comments on the information or technical advice provided by the expert, body or other source.
- 46. The Panel may not select as technical advisor, an individual with a financial or personal interest in the matter of the proceeding, or whose employer, partner, associate or relative has a similar interest. In any case, the requirements established in Article 325 paragraph 2 shall apply to the selection of experts, bodies or other sources.
- 47. When a request is made for information and technical advice pursuant to Article 320 paragraph 2, the Panel shall consider whether to suspend time periods pending receipt of said information.

AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS

- 48. Unless the disputing Parties agree otherwise, the Panel may receive Amicus Curiae briefs from interested natural or legal persons, established in the territory of the disputing Parties, as long as they are presented within 10 days from the date of establishment of the Panel.
- 49. The briefs must:
 - (a) be dated and signed by the interested person or its representative;
 - (b) be written in the language or languages chosen by the disputing Parties in accordance with Rule 55;
 - (c) be concise and in no case exceed 15 typed pages, including any annexes; and
 - (d) be directly relevant to the matters of fact and law submitted for the Panel's consideration.
- 50. The briefs shall be accompanied by a written declaration clearly indicating:
 - (a) a description of the interested persons who present them, including their place of incorporation and location, the nature of their activities, their sources of financing and, where relevant, documentation corroborating said information;
 - (b) whether the interested persons have any direct or indirect relation with any of the disputing Parties, as well as if they have received or expect to receive any financial or other type of aid from any of the disputing Parties, another government, person or organisation, generally or in the preparation of the briefs; and
 - (c) a brief summary of how the interested persons' briefs would contribute to resolve the dispute.
- 51. The briefs shall be addressed to the chairperson of the Panel in the languages established in Rule 49.
- 52. The Panel shall not consider Amicus Curiae briefs which do not conform to the above rules.
- 53. The Panel shall list in the ruling on the subject matter all Amicus Curiae briefs that it has received and which conform to the above rules. The Panel shall not be obliged to address in its ruling on the subject matter, the factual or legal arguments made in such submissions. Any submission received by the Panel under these Rules shall be communicated to the disputing Parties for their possible comments.

URGENT CASES

- 54. In cases of urgency referred to in Article 313 paragraph 3, the Panel shall adjust the time periods referred to in these Rules as appropriate.

LANGUAGE OF PROCEEDINGS, TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION

- 55. During the consultations referred to in Article 310 and no later than the meeting referred to in Rule 11, the disputing Parties shall endeavour to agree on a working language or languages for the proceedings before the Panel, being English, Spanish or both.

56. Panel rulings, including the Panel ruling on the subject matter, shall be drafted and notified in the language or languages chosen by the disputing Parties. The costs incurred for translation of such Panel rulings shall be borne equally by the disputing Parties.
57. Each disputing Party shall bear the cost of any further translation it deems necessary.

CALCULATION OF PROCEDURAL TIME PERIODS

58. When, in accordance with the Title, these Rules, or by decision of the Panel, any action, procedural step or hearing has to take place, before, on or after a specified date or event, the specified date or the date of the event shall not be included in calculating the time periods stipulated in the Title, these Rules or established by the Panel.
59. All time periods established in the Title and in these Rules, shall be calculated from the day after the request, notice, written submission or other document has been communicated to the Party receiving the document.
60. The time that elapses between the date of delivery of the document and the effective receipt thereof, shall not be considered in the calculation of the procedural time periods, pursuant to Rule 4.
61. Where a Party receives a document on a date other than the date on which this document is received by the other Party, any time period calculated on the basis of the date of receipt of that document shall be calculated from the last date of receipt of that document.
62. Where a time period ends on a legal holiday of any or both of the disputing Parties, such time period shall be extended until the following working day.

COSTS

63. Unless determined by the Panel that exceptional circumstances apply, the payment of panellists, of the assistants, the experts, bodies or other sources designated in accordance with Article 320, their transportation, accommodation and other eligible expenses, as well as general administrative costs of the Panel proceedings, shall be borne by equal shares among the disputing Parties, according to the expense claim presented by the Panel.
64. The panellists shall maintain a complete and detailed record of relevant expenses incurred and present an expense claim to the office designated by the Parties pursuant to Rule 67, along with the supporting documents, for purposes of remuneration and payment of expenses. The same shall apply to assistants and individuals designated in accordance with Article 320 as it relates to their specific role of assistant to a panellist or the Panel or from experts, bodies or other sources providing information and technical advice.
65. The Association Council shall establish all eligible costs for the abovementioned individuals, as well as the remuneration and allowances to be paid, which will be in accordance with WTO standards.
66. The preceding rules apply equally to any mediator under the Mediation Mechanism.

DESIGNATED OFFICE IN RELATION TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES AND THE MEDIATION MECHANISM

67. Each Party shall:
- (a) designate an office to perform the functions specified in relevant parts of these Rules; and
 - (b) notify the Association Committee of the location of its designated office.
68. All notifications and delivery of documents referred to in the Title on Dispute Settlement, the Rules of Procedure and in the Title on the Mediation Mechanism shall be made through this office.

OTHER PROCEDURES

69. These Rules of Procedure are also applicable to procedures established under Article 315 paragraph 3, Article 316 paragraph 2, Article 317 paragraph 3 and Article 318 paragraph 2. However, the time periods laid down in these Rules of Procedure shall be adjusted in line with the special time periods provided for the adoption of a ruling by the Panel in those other procedures.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE TITLE AND THE RULES

70. The Parties and the Panel shall ensure that their representatives, advisors, assistants and other individuals who participate in any part of a proceeding under the Title and these Rules, comply with the relevant provisions as well as any supplementary rules agreed by the Parties or adopted by the Panel.
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ANNEX B

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF PANELS AND MEDIATORS

DEFINITIONS

1. For purposes of this Code of Conduct, the following terms shall be understood as:

- (a) 'the Agreement': the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other;
- (b) 'the Title': Title X on Dispute Settlement of the Agreement;
- (c) 'Article': reference to the appropriate Article of the Agreement in its entirety;
- (d) 'assistant': a person who, under the terms of appointment of a panellist or the panel, conducts research or provides assistance to the panellist or the panel, for purposes of the dispute;
- (e) 'candidate': an individual who is under consideration for selection as a member of a panel under Article 310;
- (f) 'mediator': a person who conducts a mediation procedure in accordance with Title XI on Mediation Mechanism for non-tariff measures of the Agreement;
- (g) 'member' or 'panellist': a member of a panel established under Article 312;
- (h) 'proceeding', unless otherwise specified, means a panel proceeding under the Title; and
- (i) 'staff', in respect to a member, persons under the direction and control of a member, other than assistants.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PROCESS

2. Every candidate and member shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, shall be independent and impartial, shall avoid direct and indirect conflicts of interests, and shall observe the highest standards of conduct so that the integrity and impartiality of the dispute settlement proceeding and the dispute settlement mechanism is preserved. Former members must comply with the obligations established in sections on Obligations of Former Members and Confidentiality of this Code of Conduct.

DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS

3. Prior to notifying the acceptance of his or her selection as a panellist, a candidate shall consider and if necessary disclose the existence of any interest, relationship or other circumstances likely to affect his or her independence or impartiality or that might reasonably create an appearance of impropriety or bias in the proceeding. To this end, a candidate shall make all reasonable efforts to become aware of any such interests, relationships and matters.
4. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, candidates shall disclose in good faith:
- (a) any financial or personal interest:
 - (i) in the proceeding or its outcome; and
 - (ii) in a judicial, administrative or arbitral proceeding that involves issues that may be directly or indirectly affected by the proceeding for which the candidate is under consideration;
 - (b) any financial interest of the candidate's employer, partner, associate or member of his or her family:
 - (i) in the proceeding or its outcome; and
 - (ii) in a judicial, administrative or arbitral proceeding that involves issues that may be directly or indirectly affected by the proceeding for which the candidate is under consideration;

- (c) any existing or past financial, commercial, professional, family, social or working relationship with any of the Parties or with their representatives or advisors, or any such relationship involving the candidate's employer, partner, associate or member of his or her family; and
 - (d) any other circumstances which may result in bias or partiality, or an appearance of bias or partiality.
- 5. For the purpose of complying with paragraphs 3 and 4, all candidates who have been selected as panellists and have accepted their appointment, must complete an Initial Declaration regarding disclosure. The declaration must be transmitted to the Parties along with the acceptance of their appointment for their consideration.
 - 6. Once appointed, a member shall continue to make all reasonable efforts to become aware of any interests, relationships or matters referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Code of Conduct and shall disclose them. The disclosure obligation is a continuing duty which requires a member to disclose any such interests, relationships or matters that may arise during any stage of the proceeding. The member shall disclose such interests, relationships or other circumstances by informing the Parties in writing and for their consideration, with copy to the Association Committee.
 - 7. A member shall only communicate matters concerning actual or potential violations of this Code of Conduct to the Association Committee for consideration by the Parties.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- 8. Upon acceptance of his or her appointment a member shall perform his or her duties thoroughly and expeditiously throughout the course of the proceeding, and with fairness and diligence.
- 9. A member shall only consider and decide upon those issues raised during the proceeding and necessary for a ruling and shall not delegate this duty to any other person.
- 10. A member shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that his or her assistant and staff are aware of, and comply with, the sections on Responsibilities to the Process, Disclosure Obligations, Independence, Impartiality and Rights of Members, Obligations of Former Members and Confidentiality of this Code of Conduct.
- 11. A member shall not engage in *ex parte* contacts concerning the proceeding.

INDEPENDENCE, IMPARTIALITY AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

- 12. A member must be independent and impartial and avoid creating an appearance of impropriety, partiality or bias and shall not be influenced by self-interest or that of others, outside pressure, political considerations, public clamour, and loyalty to a Party or fear of criticism.
- 13. A member shall not, directly or indirectly, incur any obligation or accept any benefit that would in any way interfere, or appear to interfere, with the proper performance of the member's duties.
- 14. A member may not use his or her position on the panel to advance any personal or private interests and shall avoid actions that may create the impression that others are in a special position to influence the member.
- 15. A member may not allow financial, business, professional, family or social relationships or responsibilities to influence the member's conduct or judgement.
- 16. A member must avoid entering into any relationship or acquiring any financial or other personal interest likely to affect the member's impartiality or that might reasonably create an appearance of impropriety, partiality or bias.
- 17. No member shall limit or deprive other members from their right and obligation to fully participate in all relevant aspects of the proceeding.

OBLIGATIONS OF FORMER MEMBERS

18. All former members must avoid actions that may create the appearance that they were biased in carrying out their duties or derived advantage from the decision or ruling of the panel.

CONFIDENTIALITY

19. No member or former member shall at any time disclose or use any non-public information concerning a proceeding or acquired during a proceeding except for the purposes of that proceeding and shall not, in any case, disclose or use any such information to gain personal advantage or advantage for others or to adversely affect the interest of others.
20. A member shall not disclose a panel ruling on the subject matter or parts thereof prior to its publication in accordance with the Title.
21. A member or former member shall not at any time disclose the deliberations of a panel, any member's view, or any other non-public aspect relating to the proceeding.

MEDIATORS

22. The disciplines described in this Code of Conduct as applying to members or former members shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to mediators.
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DECISION No 3/2014 OF THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**of 7 November 2014****adopting the List of Panellists [2015/1217]**

THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other, ('the Agreement') and in particular Article 6 and Article 325 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(1), the Association Council has the power to take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 325(1), the Association Council shall establish a list of thirty six individuals who are willing and able to serve as panellists in the meaning of Title X of the Agreement on dispute settlement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

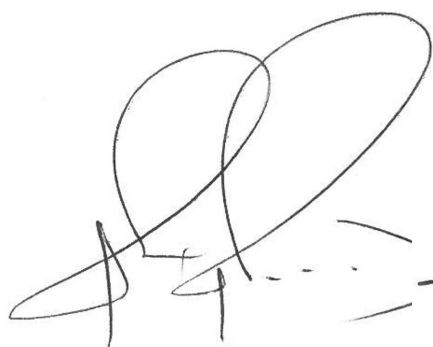
The List of the Panellists, as set out in Annex, is hereby adopted.

This decision shall be adopted through written procedure. It shall enter into force on the date of reception by the Secretariat of this Decision duly signed by all the Parties.

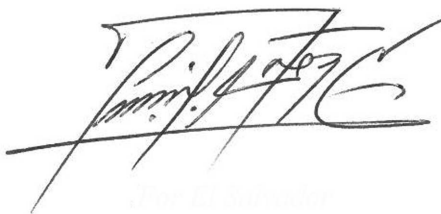
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For the Association Council,

For the CA Party,

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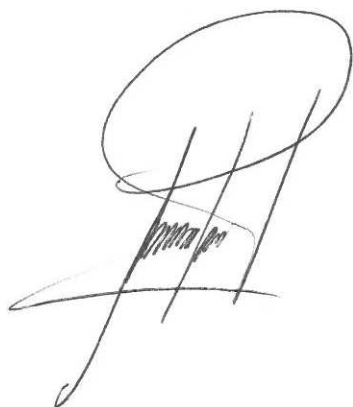
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For Panamá

For the EU Party,

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ANNEX

LIST OF PANELLISTS

Panellists proposed by Costa Rica

1. Ernesto Fernández Monge
2. Federico Valerio de Ford

Panellists proposed by El Salvador

1. Cesar Ernesto Salazar Grande
2. Harold C. Lantan

Panellists proposed by Guatemala

1. Ada Lissette Redondo Aguilera
2. Julio Roberto Bermejo Quiñones

Panellists proposed by Honduras

1. Ulises Mejía León-Gómez
2. Roberto Herrera Cáceres

Panellists proposed by Nicaragua

1. Mauricio Herdocia
2. José René Orúe

Panellists proposed by Panamá

1. Yavel Francis Lanuza
2. Carlos Ernesto González Ramirez

Panellists proposed by the EU

1. Giorgio Sacerdoti (Italy)
2. Ramon Torrent (Spain)
3. Jacques Bourgeois (Belgium)
4. Pieter Jan Kuijper (the Netherlands)
5. Claus-Dieter Ehlermann (Germany)
6. Jan Wouters (Belgium)
7. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (France)
8. Hélène Ruiz Fabri (France)
9. Meinhard Hild (Germany)
10. Claudio Dordi (Italy)
11. Kim Van der Borght (Belgium)
12. Markus Krajewski (Germany)

Chairpersons

1. Craig Van Graastek (US)
 2. Miriam Mercedes Maroun Marun (Venezuela)
 3. Hugo Perezcano Díaz (México)
 4. Ignacio Suárez Anzorena (Argentina)
 5. Carlos Vejar (México)
 6. Didier Chambovey (Switzerland)
 7. Shotaro Oshima (Japan)
 8. Jenniffer Hilman (US)
 9. Luiz Olavo Baptista (Brazil)
 10. Kirsten Hilman (Canada)
 11. Juan Antonio Buencamino (Philipines)
 12. David Unterhalter (South Africa)
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DECISION No 4/2014 OF THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of 7 November 2014
adopting the list of trade and sustainable development experts [2015/1218]

THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other ('the Agreement'), and in particular Article 6 and Article 297 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(1), the Association Council has the power to take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 297(2), the Association Council shall endorse a list of a list of 17 experts with expertise in environmental law, international trade or the resolution of disputes arising under international agreements and a list of 17 experts with expertise in labour law, international trade or the resolution of disputes arising under international agreements,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

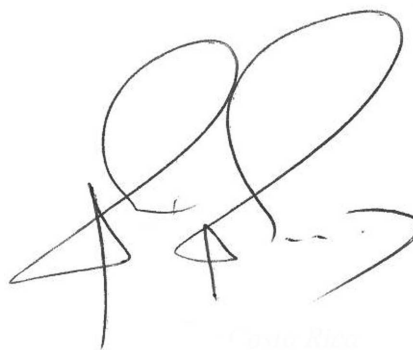
The list of trade and sustainable development experts, as set out in the Annex, is hereby endorsed.

This decision shall be adopted through written procedure. It shall enter into force on the date of reception by the Secretariat of this Decision duly signed by all the Parties.

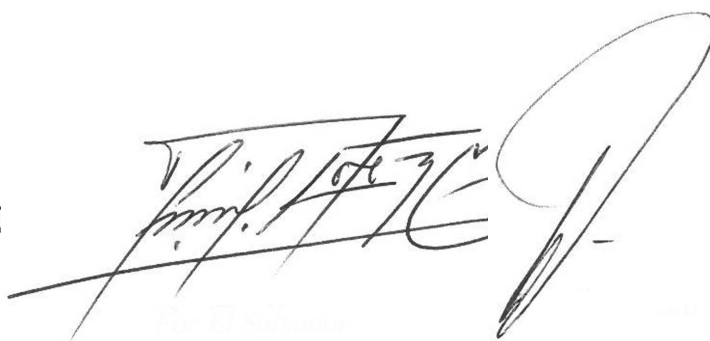
Done at San José, Costa Rica, on 7 November 2014.

For the Association Council,

For the CA Party,

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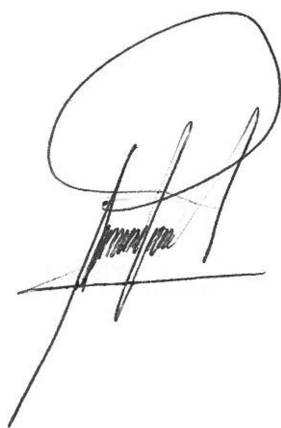
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For El Salvador

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For Guatemala

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For Honduras

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For Nicaragua

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For Panamá

For the EU Party,

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ANNEX

LIST OF TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS

Experts in environmental law, international trade or the resolution of disputes arising under international agreements

List of national experts

1. Marieta Lizano Martínez
2. Alma Carolina Sánchez Fuentes
3. Francisco Khalil de León Barrios
4. Mario Noel Vallejo Larios
5. Javier Guillermo Hernández Munguía
6. Alexis Xavier Rodríguez Almanza
7. Joost Pauwelyn
8. Jorge Cardona
9. Karin Lukas
10. Hélène Ruiz Fabri
11. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes
12. Geert Van Calster

Chairpersons (non-nationals of the Parties)

1. Claudia de Windt
2. Juan Carlos Urquidí Fell
3. Elizabeth Jaramillo Escobar
4. Janice Bellace
5. Arthur Appleton

Experts in labour law, international trade or the resolution of disputes arising under international agreements

List of national experts

1. Manuel Francisco Umaña Soto
2. Carolina Morán
3. Mario Fuentes Destarac
4. Arnando Urtecho López
5. Adrián Meza
6. Rolando Murgas Torraza
7. Eddy Laurijssen
8. Jorge Cardona
9. Karin Lukas

10. Hélène Ruiz Fabri

11. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes

12. Geert Van Calster

Chairpersons (non-nationals of the Parties)

1. Emilio Morgado Velenzuela

2. Juan Mailhos Gutiérrez

3. Jill Murray

4. Ross Wilson

5. Janice Bellace

DECISION No 5/2014 OF THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of 7 November 2014
on the geographical indications to be included in Annex XVIII of the Agreement [2015/1219]

THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other ('the Agreement'), and in particular Article 245(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 353(4), Part IV of the Agreement has been applied provisionally since 1 August 2013 with Nicaragua, Honduras and Panama, since 1 October 2013 with El Salvador and Costa Rica, and since 1 December 2013 with Guatemala.
- (2) Geographical indications of the European Union and of Central America, which have been listed under Annex XVII to the Agreement, or under the Joint Declaration 'Names that have been applied for registration as geographical indications in a Republic of a CA Party', and which have since been successfully examined by the competent authorities of the other Party, shall be listed under Annex XVIII, in accordance with Title VI and Title XIII of Part IV of the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Amendment of Annex XVIII

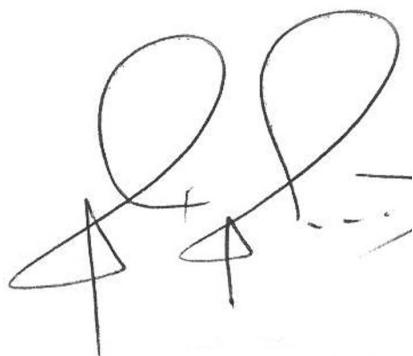
The Geographical Indications listed in the Annex to this Decision shall be included in Annex XVIII, Part A and Part B to the Agreement, as provided for in the Annex to this Decision.

This decision shall be adopted through written procedure. It shall enter into force 90 days after the date of reception by the Secretariat of this Decision duly signed by all the Parties.

Done at San José, Costa Rica on 7 November 2014.

For the Association Council,

For the CA Party,

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For Costa Rica

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For El Salvador

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For Guatemala

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For Honduras

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For Nicaragua

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For Panamá

For the EU Party,

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TO DECISION No 5/2014 OF THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

ANNEX XVIII

PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

PART A

Geographical indications of the EU Party protected in the Republics of the Central American Party in accordance with Title VI (Intellectual Property) of Part IV of this Agreement

MEMBER STATE	NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION OR CLASS
GERMANY	Bayerisches Bier	Beers
GERMANY	Münchener Bier	Beers
GERMANY	Nürnberger Bratwürste/ Nürnberger Rostbratwürste	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.)
IRELAND	Irish Cream	Spirits
IRELAND	Irish whiskey/Uisce Beatha Eireannach/Irish whisky	Spirits
GREECE	Oύζο (Ouzo) ⁽¹⁾	Spirits
GREECE	Σάμος (Samos)	Wines
SPAIN	Bierzo	Wines
SPAIN	Brandy de Jerez	Spirits
SPAIN	Campo de Borja	Wines
SPAIN	Cariñena	Wines
SPAIN	Castilla	Wines
SPAIN	Cataluña	Wines
SPAIN	Cava	Wines
SPAIN	Empordà	Wines
SPAIN	Idiazábal	Cheeses
SPAIN	Jamón de Teruel	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.) — Hams
SPAIN	Jerez — Xérès — Sherry	Wines
SPAIN	Jijona	Bread, pastry, cakes, confectionary, biscuits and other baker's wares — Turrón

⁽¹⁾ Product of Greece or Cyprus.

MEMBER STATE	NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION OR CLASS
SPAIN	Jumilla	Wines
SPAIN	La Mancha	Wines
SPAIN	Los Pedroches	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.) — Hams
SPAIN	Málaga	Wines
SPAIN	Manzanilla — Sanlúcar de Barrameda	Wines
SPAIN	Navarra	Wines
SPAIN	Penedés	Wines
SPAIN	Priorat	Wines
SPAIN	Queso Manchego ⁽¹⁾	Cheeses
SPAIN	Rías Baixas	Wines
SPAIN	Ribera del Duero	Wines
SPAIN	Rioja	Wines
SPAIN	Rueda	Wines
SPAIN	Somontano	Wines
SPAIN	Toro	Wines
SPAIN	Turrón de Alicante	Bread, pastry, cakes, confectionary, biscuits and other baker's wares — Turrón
SPAIN	Utiel-Requena	Wines
SPAIN	Valdepeñas	Wines
SPAIN	Valencia	Wines
FRANCE	Alsace	Wines
FRANCE	Anjou	Wines
FRANCE	Armagnac	Spirits
FRANCE	Beaujolais	Wines
FRANCE	Bordeaux	Wines
FRANCE	Bourgogne	Wines
FRANCE	Brie de Meaux ⁽²⁾	Cheeses

⁽¹⁾ Registered in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama; opposition procedures still pending in Costa Rica and El Salvador.

⁽²⁾ Registered in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama; opposition procedure still pending in Guatemala.

MEMBER STATE	NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION OR CLASS
FRANCE	Cadillac	Wines
FRANCE	Calvados	Spirits
FRANCE	Camembert de Normandie ⁽¹⁾	Cheeses
FRANCE	Canard à foie gras du Sud-Ouest/Canard à foie gras du Sud-Ouest (Chalosse, Gascogne, Gers, Landes, Périgord, Quercy)	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.) — Ducks
FRANCE	Chablis	Wines
FRANCE	Champagne	Wines
FRANCE	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Wines
FRANCE	Cognac	Spirits
FRANCE	Comté	Cheeses
FRANCE	Côtes de Provence	Wines
FRANCE	Côtes du Rhône	Wines
FRANCE	Côtes du Roussillon	Wines
FRANCE	Emmental de Savoie ⁽²⁾	Cheeses
FRANCE	Graves	Wines
FRANCE	Haut-Médoc	Wines
FRANCE	Huile essentielle de lavande de Haute-Provence	Essential oil — Lavender
FRANCE	Jambon de Bayonne	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.) — Hams
FRANCE	Languedoc (Coteaux du Languedoc)	Wines
FRANCE	Margaux	Wines
FRANCE	Médoc	Wines
FRANCE	Pommard	Wines
FRANCE	Pruneaux d'Agen/Pruneaux d'Agen mi-cuits	Fruit, vegetables and cereal fresh or processed — Dried cooked plums
FRANCE	Reblochon	Cheeses
FRANCE	Rhum de la Martinique	Spirits

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MEMBER STATE	NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION OR CLASS
FRANCE	Romanée Saint-Vivant	Wines
FRANCE	Roquefort	Cheeses
FRANCE	Saint-Emilion	Wines
FRANCE	Saint-Julien	Wines
FRANCE	Sauternes	Wines
FRANCE	Val de Loire	Wines
ITALY	Asti	Wines
ITALY	Barbaresco	Wines
ITALY	Barbera d'Alba	Wines
ITALY	Barbera d'Asti	Wines
ITALY	Barolo	Wines
ITALY	Brachetto d'Acqui	Wines
ITALY	Conegliano — Valdobbiadene — Prosecco	Wines
ITALY	Dolcetto d'Alba	Wines
ITALY	Fontina ⁽¹⁾	Cheeses
ITALY	Franciacorta	Wines
ITALY	Gorgonzola ⁽²⁾	Cheeses
ITALY	Grana Padano	Cheeses
ITALY	Grappa	Spirits
ITALY	Mortadella Bologna	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.)
ITALY	Parmigiano Reggiano ⁽³⁾	Cheeses
ITALY	Prosciutto di Parma ⁽⁴⁾	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.) — Hams
ITALY	Prosciutto di S. Daniele/Prosciutto di San Daniele	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.) — Hams
ITALY	Prosciutto Toscano	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.) — Hams

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⁽³⁾ Registered in Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama; opposition procedures still pending in Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala.

⁽⁴⁾ Registered in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama; opposition procedure still pending in El Salvador.

MEMBER STATE	NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION OR CLASS
ITALY	Provolone Valpadana ⁽¹⁾	Cheeses
ITALY	Soave	Wines
ITALY	Taleggio	Cheeses
ITALY	Toscano	Oils and fats (butter, margarine, oil, etc.) — Olive oil
ITALY	Toscano/Toscana	Wines
ITALY	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano	Wines
CYPRUS	Ζιβανία/Τζιβανία/Zιβάνα (Zivania)	Spirits
CYPRUS	Κουμανδάρια (Commandaria)	Wines
CYPRUS	Ούζο (Ouzo) ⁽²⁾	Spirits
HUNGARY	Pálinka	Spirits
HUNGARY	Szegedi téliszalámi/Szegedi szalámi	Meat products (cooked, salted, smoked, etc.)
HUNGARY	Tokaj	Wines
HUNGARY	Törkölypálinka	Spirits
AUSTRIA	Inländerrum	Spirits
AUSTRIA	Jägertee/Jagertee/Jagatee	Spirits
POLAND	Polska Wódka/Polish Vodka	Spirits
POLAND	Wódka ziołowa z Niziny Północnopodlaskiej aromatyzowana ekstraktem z trawy żubrowej/ Herbal vodka from the North Podlasie Low-land aromatised with an extract of bison grass	Spirits
PORTUGAL	Douro	Wines
PORTUGAL	Porto/Port/Oporto	Wines
SLOVAKIA	Vinohradnícka oblasť Tokaj	Wines
SWEDEN	Svensk Vodka/Swedish Vodka	Spirits
UNITED KINGDOM	Scotch Whisky	Spirits

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PART B

Geographical indications of the Republics of the Central American Party protected in the EU Party in accordance with Title VI (Intellectual Property) of Part IV of this Agreement

COUNTRY	NAME	PRODUCTS
COSTA RICA	Café de Costa Rica	Coffee
COSTA RICA	Banano de Costa Rica	Bananas
EL SALVADOR	Café Apaneca-Ilamapetec	Coffee
EL SALVADOR	Bálsamo de El Salvador	Balm
GUATEMALA	Café Antigua	Coffee
GUATEMALA	Ron de Guatemala	Spirits
HONDURAS	Cafés del Occidente Hondureño (H W C)	Coffee
HONDURAS	Café de Marcala	Coffee
PANAMA	Seco de Panamá	Spirits

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1204 of 22 July 2015 on a temporary derogation from the rules of origin laid down in Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No 1528/2007 to take account of the special situation of Kenya with regard to tuna loins

(Official Journal of the European Union L 195 of 23 July 2015)

On page 47, Article 5:

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