

# **EU/Canada Agreement: customs cooperation with respect to matters related to supply chain security**

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The Council discussed negotiations with Canada on a comprehensive economic and trade agreement. It addressed key outstanding issues, notably on rules of origin and intellectual property rights, with particular reference to pharmaceutical products.

The Council was briefed by the Commission on progress achieved, especially in the areas of market access for goods, public procurement, services, dispute settlement and, to a lesser extent, sanitary and phytosanitary issues and investment protection.

It took note of the Commission's assessment of the prospects for concluding the agreement in the near future, and called for full transparency in the final stages of the negotiations.