

Question for written answer E-007418/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: TTIP and extraterritorial application of US laws

Recent statements made by France's Secretary of State for External Trade, Matthias Fekl, have linked the (re-)start of EU-US negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the issue of the extraterritorial application of US laws. The EU and the US have disagreed on this issue for the last 20 years. The EU has formalised its disagreement through the launch of WTO cases and the adoption of Regulation No 2271/96 of 22 November 1996 protecting against the effects of the extraterritorial application of legislation adopted by a third country, and actions based thereon or resulting therefrom. The EU's views on this issue are shared by other third countries, e.g. Canada and Mexico.

1. Is the extraterritorial application of US laws a topic that is still on the agenda of EU-US bilateral talks, in the context of the TTIP negotiations or in any other framework?
2. Can and/or will the issue of extraterritorial application of US laws be addressed in TTIP?
3. Does the Commission have any information on whether third countries (e.g. Canada or Mexico) have dealt with the issue of extraterritorial application of US laws in the framework of their trade negotiations with the US?