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- ***Workshop on the Transatlantic Economic Relationships***
- ***Votes on the bilateral agreements with Russia***
- ***Consideration and votes on the Peru & Colombia trade agreement files***

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The previous meeting of the Committee on International Trade took place on Wednesday April 25, 2012 (9.00-12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30) and on Thursday April 26, 2012 (9.00-12.30) in Brussels. The following items were on the [agenda](#).

1. State of play of ongoing triologue negotiations

Exchange of views

Under regular item, Members were given an update about the state of play of ongoing triologue negotiations, in particular regarding progress on the General System of Preferences (rapporteur: Christofer Fjellner, EPP), on which the first informal triologue meeting took place on 12 April 2012 and the second one on 24 April.

2. Monitoring Group Activities

Exchange of views

The standing rapporteurs for the various bilateral economic relations gave an update of the activities held by the Monitoring groups they chair. Feedback was given on the Monitoring groups on trade relations with the US, Russia, China, India, Japan, Canada, Ukraine and Singapore.

3. Agreement establishing an Association between the EU and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other

4. Implementation of the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Association Agreement between the EU and Central America

Second exchange of views

In order to conclude this Agreement, consent by Parliament is required. INTA's rapporteur for the region, Pablo Zalba, represented by Maria Auxiliadora Correa (EPP), reaffirmed support for the strengthening of ties between both regions by this comprehensive framework. Regarding the ordinary legislative procedure implementing provisions related to the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas, amendments to the Commission proposal were subject to consideration, contributing to the reflections already made by the rapporteur Jörg Leichtfried (S&D), who was represented by Bernd Lange (S&D Coordinator) and AGRI rapporteur for opinion Gabriel Mato (EPP). Discussions were centred around inter-institutional and legal matters, including specific references to the outermost regions of the union and analysis of potential implications for social, environmental and working conditions.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Pablo Zalba Bidegain (EPP)	Exchange of views: 1/3 2012 & 25-26/4/2012
Responsible administrator: Mercedes Rodriguez	Hearing: 27/3/2012
Procedure: 2011/0303(NLE) - INTA/7/07838	Cons. of a draft opinion: tbc
Lead committee: AFET	Deadline for Ams: tbc
	Planned adoption INTA: tbc
	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents can be found [here](#)

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Jörg Leichtfried (S&D)	Exchange of views: 29/2 - 1/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Mercedes Rodriguez	Cons. of a draft report: 26-27/3/2012
Procedure: 2011/0263(COD) - INTA/7/07318	Deadline for Ams: 16/4/2012
Lead committee: INTA	Consideration of Ams: 25-26/4/2012
	Planned adoption INTA: tbc
	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents can be found [here](#)

5. Implementation of the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Trade Agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru

Consideration of amendments

The committee considered the 24 amendments that had been tabled to the Commission proposal on the implementation of the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the TA with Colombia and Peru. The rapporteur, Mr. Bernd Lange, called for stronger provisions of monitoring and reporting mechanisms, a view largely shared by members who had tabled amendments.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Bernd Lange (S&D)	First exchange of views: 29/2-1/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Helena Halldorf-Romero	Cons. of a draft report : 26-27/3/2012
Procedure: 2011/0262(COD) - INTA/7/07320	Deadline for Ams: 16/4/2012
Lead committee: INTA	Consideration of Ams: 25-26/4/2012
	Planned adoption INTA: tbc
	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

6. Trade Agreement between the EU of the one part and Colombia and Peru of the other part

Consideration of oral question

The members of INTA held a second exchange of views on the trade agreement with Colombia and Peru. The speakers stressed once more the need for an effective implementation of the agreement and strong civil society involvement in the monitoring process. The idea of an Action Plan for human rights was proposed by several political groups. The Committee also adopted an oral question to the Commission, for further debate in Plenary on this agreement.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Mário David (EPP)	Exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012 & 25-26/4/2012
Responsible administrator: Helena Halldorf-Romero	Planned cons. of a draft report: 29-30/5/2012
Procedure: 2011/0249(NLE) - INTA/7/06949	Planned deadline for Ams: 8/6/2012
Lead committee: INTA	Planned cons. of Ams: 20-21/6/2012
	Planned adoption INTA: 11-12/7/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Sep-12

Related documents may be found [here](#).

7. Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items

First exchange of views

The EU controls exports of goods and technologies that are civilian in nature, but may be used for military purposes under the "Dual-use regulation". Constant updates of its Annexes listing controlled dual-use items are necessary in order to comply with international security obligations and ensure competitiveness of European exporters. The rapporteur presented his position concerning the proposed introduction of delegated acts in order to streamline regular updates of Annex I (EU dual-use export control list) and modifications of Annex II (EU General Export Authorisations). Updates of annexes to the regulation containing lists of controlled items and destinations are currently carried out via ordinary legislative procedure.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Christofer Fjellner (EPP)	Exchange of views: 25-26/4/2012
Responsible administrator: Mindaugas Kojelis	Planned cons. of the draft report: 29-30/5/2012
Procedure: 2011/0310 (COD) - INTA/7/07664	Planned deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Sep-12

Related documents can be found [here](#).

8. Small Business, Big World — a new partnership to help SMEs seize global opportunities

Consideration of draft opinion

The Committee considered the draft opinion. A consensus emerged to welcome the efforts in support of EU SMEs' internationalisation and to support the rapporteur's position in many aspects. But the debate also features some opposition on specific points of the opinion, such as: the plea to the Commission to issue a proposal of regulation laying down binding commitments in implementing the simplification of national laws, rules and procedures regarding SMEs' internationalisation; or the proposal of an EU-wide solution to help SMEs' overcome their shortage of working capital towards internationalisation.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Iuliu Winkler (EPP)	Exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Nicolas Dorgeret	Cons. of a draft opinion: 25-26/4/2012
Procedure: 2012/2042(INI) - INTA/7/09053	Deadline for Ams: 10/5/2012, 18.00
Lead committee: ITRE	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents can be found [here](#).

9. Trade aspects of the Eastern partnership

Consideration of amendments

The Committee considered in great detail the amendments to the draft own-initiative report on Trade aspects of the Eastern Partnership. 142 amendments were tabled to the draft report. The rapporteur and the authors of the amendments expressed their positions on substantive groups of amendments and outlined areas of possible compromises.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Miloslav Ransdorf (GUE/NGL)	Exchange of views: 20/12/2011
Responsible administrator: Tatiana Mrazikova	Consideration of a draft report: 29/2-1/3/2012
Procedure: 2011/2306 (INI)- INTA/7/08037	Deadline for Ams: 21/3/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Consideration of Ams: 25/4/2012
	Planned adoption INTA: 29-30/5/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Jul-12

Related documents may be found [here](#).

10. EU-Russia agreement on trade in parts and components of motor vehicles

Consideration of draft recommendation

The rapporteur presented a draft recommendation in favour of the consent to this trade agreement. In presenting his draft report, Mr Zalewski highlighted that the survival of Russia's trade related investment measures in the automotive sector until 2018 was regrettable but that the EU was right to negotiate a bilateral safeguard measure for its exports of vehicles' parts and components. His position was subsequently shared by other Members.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Pavel Zalewski (EPP)	Exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Nicolas Dorgeret	Cons. of a draft report: 25-26/4/2012
Procedure: 2011/0324(NLE) - INTA/7/07922	Deadline for Ams: 4/5/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption INTA: 29-30/5/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Jul-12

Related documents can be found [here](#)

11. EU-Russia Agreement regarding the preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the current EU-Russia Partnership and Co-operation Agreement

Consideration of draft recommendation

The rapporteur presented a draft recommendation in favour of the consent to this trade agreement. In presenting his draft report, Mr Susta recalled that this agreement is a matter of preserving preferences obtained at the bilateral level and that it is undoubtedly necessary for the EU to keep these preferences in the absence of progress in those areas of service negotiations (maritime transport and intra-group transfer of service professionals).

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Gianluca Susta (S&D)	Exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Nicolas Dorgeret	Cons. of a draft report: 25-26/4/2012
Procedure: 2011/0328(NLE) - INTA/7/08000	Deadline for Ams: 4/5/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption INTA: 29-30/5/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Jul-12

Related documents can be found [here](#)

12. EU-Russia Agreement regarding the introduction or increase by the Russian Federation of export duties on raw materials

Consideration of draft recommendation

INTA has considered the draft recommendation by the rapporteur, Ms Inese Vaidere, on consent to this agreement, noting the political rather than legal language of the agreement. Under the envisaged agreement the government of the Russian Federation shall make its best efforts not to introduce or increase export duties for the raw materials listed in the annex, but in case of considering such action, there is an obligation to consult it with the Commission in order to find a common solution.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Inese Vaidere (EPP)	Exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Miriam Korteweg	Cons. of a draft report: 25-26/4/2012
Procedure: 2011/0332(NLE) - INTA/7/07966	Deadline for Ams: 4/5/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption INTA: 29-30/5/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Jul-12

Related documents can be found [here](#)

13. EU-Russia Agreement on the administration of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood and EU-Russia Protocol on technical modalities pursuant to that Agreement

Consideration of draft recommendation

INTA considered the draft recommendation by the rapporteur, Ms Inese Vaidere, on consent to this agreement. According to the envisaged agreement, the Russian Federation shall issue export licenses based on import documentation issued by the EU, who in turn shall manage its share of the tariff-rate quotas. Technical modalities of the management of the export tariff-rate quotas as well as provisions on the cooperation of the competent authorities of the Parties are contained in the protocol and detailed rules thereon in an implementing act to be adopted by the Commission.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Inese Vaidere (EPP)	Exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Miriam Korteweg	Cons. of a draft report: 25-26/4/2012
Procedure: 2011/0322(NLE) - INTA/7/07968	Deadline for Ams: 4/5/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption INTA: 29-30/5/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Jul-12

Related documents can be found [here](#)

14. Presentation of the study "Russia's Accession to the WTO and its implications for the EU-Russia Economic Relations"

Presentation of a study

This item was postponed to the INTA meeting of 11-12 July 2012.

15. Award of concession contracts

16. Public procurement

17. Procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors

Joint debate

A first exchange of views was held on this package. INTA's opinion, as the rapporteur explained, will focus mostly on how the EU internal rules for public procurement relate to the external commitments that the EU has with third countries or regions. This is particularly true of the GPA agreement, which has been reviewed and concluded at the end of 2011. The rapporteur opted for a calendar that allows enough time for an in-depth examination of these complex issues and for a serious debate to take place.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Gianluca Susta (S&D)	Exchange of views: 25-26/4/2012
Responsible administrator: Andre Corrado	Consideration of a draft opinion: 20-21/6/2012
Procedure: 2011/0439(COD) - INTA/7/08502	Planned deadline for Ams: 25/6/2012, 18.00
Procedure: 2011/0438(COD) - INTA/7/08514	Planned adoption INTA: 17-18/9/2012
Procedure: 2011/0437(COD) - INTA/7/08528	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc
Lead committee: IMCO	

Related documents may be found here: [2011/0439](#), [2011/0438](#) and [2011/0437](#)

18. Amendment to Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 1528/2007 as regards the exclusion of a number of countries from the list of regions or states which have concluded negotiations

Consideration of draft report

The rapporteur Mr. David Martin presented his draft report regarding the amendment of the commonly called Market Access Regulation. He proposed to extend the deadline to 2016 to allow ACP countries sufficient time to ratify the agreement. This idea was shared by some of the speakers, while others argued that a possible extension would be unfair towards other countries who did ratify their agreements in due time. Furthermore they doubted whether an extension would be compatible with the WTO.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: David Martin (S&D)	Exchange of views: 25/1/2012
Responsible administrator: Helena Halldorf Romero	Consideration of a draft report: 25-26/4/2012
Procedure: 2011/0260(COD) - INTA/7/07312	Planned deadline for Ams: 8/5/2012
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Sep-12

Related documents may be found [here](#).

19. Delegation visit to Zambia and Kenya, 19-23 March 2012

Presentation of mission report

A delegation from INTA visited Kenya (Nairobi) from 20 to 21 March 2012 and Zambia (Lusaka) on 22 March 2012 to monitor the progress in the negotiations towards Economic Partnership Agreements with the East African Community and Eastern and Southern Africa, to identify the concerns in the countries involved, the chances of success in concluding the negotiations and the expected impact such agreements will have on the countries involved. INTA Chairman Vital Moreira, who also led the delegation, shortly presented the report of the INTA delegation.

20. Officially supported export credits

Exchange of views on implementation

INTA had an exchange of views with the Commission and the Council on the implementation of the Export Credits regulation which entered into force in 2011. The regulation is one of the first legislative acts in the trade domain giving delegated powers to the Commission. The rapporteur (Yannick JADOT, Greens/EFA) reminded that the year 2011 is the first year under the new reporting requirements, and also pointed out that the regulation urges the Commission to reach out to China to join the commonly agreed principles in export financing. The Commission informed that the Member States have been requested to provide reporting by June 2012 in accordance with the criteria laid down in the regulation. In relation to China, the Commission informed that there have been new developments and some willingness by China to discuss their export financing.

21. Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement between the EU and its Member States, Australia, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland and the USA

Consideration of draft recommendation

The committee had considered the draft recommendation by the rapporteur to decline consent to this agreement. During the debate, representatives of the Council Presidency were invited to address the committee regarding the ratification situation of the agreement at national level. Deadline for tabling of amendments to the draft recommendation was opened (until 8 May). Vote in committee on the draft recommendation is scheduled to take place during the meeting of 20-21 June.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: David Martin (S&D)	Present. of legal opinion: 22-23/11/2011
Responsible administrator: Miriam Korteweg	Exchange of views: 1/3 & 27/3/2012
Procedure: 2011/0167(NLE) - INTA/7/06356	Workshop: 1/3/2012, 15.00-18.30
Lead committee: INTA	Cons. of draft recommendation: 25/4/2012
	Deadline for Ams: 8/5/2012 at 12.00
	Vote in Committee: 20-21/6/2012
	Plenary: Jul-12

Related documents may be found [here](#)

22. 2013 Budget - Mandate for Trilogue

Consideration of draft opinion

This year's INTA budget rapporteur, Mr Šťastný, presented his opinion regarding the mandate for trilogue for 2012. The discussion gave an opportunity to signal INTA's early priorities in the context of pressure on the EU's existing and new spending. In such a context, preserving the current budgetary allocation for the instruments in the area of international trade and investment is the priority of the committee, alongside the promotion of SMEs and the enhancement of the commercial relations with strategic partners and neighbouring countries, in particular following the Arab Spring.

PROCEDURE	TIMETABLE
Rapporteur: Peter Šťastný (EPP)	Cons. of a draft opinion: 25-26/4/2012
Responsible administrator: Nicolas Dorgeret	Deadline for Ams: 3/5/2012, 18.00
Procedure: 2012/2016(BUD) - INTA/7/08812	Planned adoption INTA: 29-30/5/2012
Lead committee: BUDG	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents can be found [here](#).

23. State of play on WTO accessions

Presentation by the Commission

INTA held an exchange of views with the Commission regarding the ongoing negotiations on accession to the World Trade Organization. Ratification of accession in Russia should be concluded at the latest by 21 August 2012. On a related topic, Kazakhstan has concluded its negotiations on import tariffs, but they have to be reopened due to the Customs Union between Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus, which could delay Kazakhstan's accession. Serbia is well advanced in bilateral market access, but there is an outstanding issue with Ukraine. It was noted that we have seen a similar situation with Montenegro last year. Bosnia and Herzegovina's negotiations are not as advanced, possible accession could take place in 2013.

There are two LDCs lined up for accession this year: Laos and Yemen. Revision of the 2002 Guidelines on LDCs accession to the WTO is ongoing at the WTO level with full involvement of the EU.

24. Votes

1) *Emergency autonomous trade preferences for Pakistan*

Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (S&D)

	in favour	against	abstentions
To ask Plenary to resume the procedure and to enter into informal trilogues	20	2	0

2) *Trade Agreement between the EU of the one part and Colombia and Peru of the other part*

Rapporteur: Mário David (EPP)

	in favour	against	abstentions
Draft oral question as amended	21	1	0

3) *General provisions for macro-financial assistance to third countries*

Rapporteur: Metin Kazak (ALDE)

	in favour	against	abstentions
Draft report as amended	20	1	2

4) *The external dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy*

Rapporteur: Josefa Andrés Barea (S&D)

	in favour	against	abstentions
Draft opinion as amended	17	0	3

25. Exchange of views with Mr Kojiro Shiojiri, Ambassador of Japan to the EU

The Committee had an exchange of views with Mr Kojiro Shiojiri, Ambassador of Japan to the EU. Ambassador Shiojiri addressed strongly in favour of the Union engaging in trade talks with Japan. According to him, the EU and Japan would take the lead and be setting an example to other operators in the trade scene. He added that the scoping exercise has been fruitful so far and should be expedited. The INTA rapporteur on Japan, Metin Kazak (ALDE), said that while supporting the talks Parliament underlined at the outset that Japan should make significant commitments to remove non-tariff barriers and other obstacles before negotiations can be launched. Some Members suggested that time should be given to obtain the right conditions and success of negotiations. Concerns were raised in relation to Japan's ability to lift its trade barriers especially in respect of public procurement, cars and other sectors such as railways and aviation.

26. Exchange of views with Karel De Gucht, Commissioner for Trade, on the Commission Work Programme for 2012 and 2013 (structured dialogue)

Trade Commissioner De Gucht said that EU remains the world's largest trading block and investor. For this reason, work on trade is critically important for the future of Europe. The Commission has engaged itself in an extensive bilateral and regional agenda, including EPAs. Work is ongoing with strategic partners, such as China, Russia and the United States. The Commissioner pointed out that the Commission is following closely the recent developments in relation to the infringements on European investment in Argentina, and he raised the modernisation of the Union's Trade Defence instruments to one of the Commission's coming legislative priorities. Members were concerned about the future of the WTO and the multilateral agenda. In the current stalemate of the Doha round, the progress in the bilateral and regional agenda was generally welcomed. Members raised questions on the slow advancement in some negotiations, rules of origin, reciprocity, geographical indications and ACTA. The Commissioner admitted that not all negotiations are progressing as expected but in some new areas there is new drive to negotiate.

27. Exchange of views with Karel De Gucht, Commissioner for Trade, on recent developments in trade policy

In camera

INTA had an exchange of views with the Commissioner on recent developments in trade policy *in camera*. The discussion concentrated on the work of the High-Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth, which is tasked to identify policies and measures to increase U.S.-EU trade and investment to support mutually beneficial job creation, economic growth, and international competitiveness. The Working Group is led by EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk.

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The next meeting of the Committee on International Trade is scheduled on Tuesday May 29, 2012 (9.00-12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30) and on Wednesday May 30, 2012 (9.00-12.30). The meetings will be [webstreamed](#), except for in camera items.

1. State of play of ongoing trilogue negotiations

Exchange of views

INTA will continue with the regular item on the state of play of ongoing trilogue negotiations, and in particular on progress on transitional arrangements for bilateral investment agreements (rapporteur Vital Moreira, S&D) on which the next trilogue is planned to be held on 29 May, and the General System of Preferences (rapporteur Christofer Fjellner, EPP), on which the third trilogue took place on 10 May and the fourth on 22 May, which successfully concluded these negotiations.

2. Exchange of views with Mikael Gustafsson, Chair of FEMM Committee, on gender mainstreaming in the work of parliamentary committees

INTA will hold an exchange of views with Mr. Mikael Gustafsson, Chair of the Committee on Women's rights and Gender equality, on gender mainstreaming in the work of the parliamentary committees. The European Parliament puts a strong emphasis on promoting equality between men and women within the EU and worldwide. It is therefore of outmost importance to streamline these efforts within the work of all the parliamentary committees. Mr. Gustafsson will inform the Committee about the progress made in this area as well as recommendations for the future work of the committee.

3. Amendment of Council Regulations (EC) No 2008/97, (EC) No 779/98 and (EC) No 1506/98 in the field of imports of olive oil and other agricultural products from Turkey as regards the delegated and implementing powers to be conferred on the Commission

Consideration of draft report

INTA will consider a draft report on the proposal for a Regulation aligning the Council Regulations (EC) No 2008/97, (EC) No 779/98 and (EC) No 1506/98 in the field of imports of olive oil and other agricultural products from Turkey with the post-Lisbon regime of delegated and implementing acts. The rapporteur proposes amendments reflecting the changes put forward in the two so-called "Trade Omnibuses". The proposed changes thus aim at harmonising 'comitology' related provisions throughout the trade legislation.

PROCEDURE	TIMETABLE
Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (Chairman, S&D)	Cons. of draft report: 29-30/5/2012
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Procedure: 2011/0453(COD) - INTA/7/08396	Planned adoption in INTA: 20-21/6/2012
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

4. Amendment of Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 of 29 March 1994 opening and providing for the administration of certain Community tariff quotas for high-quality beef, and for pigmeat, poultrymeat, wheat and meslin, and brans, sharps and other residues
Consideration of draft report

The Committee will discuss alignment of the Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 concerning certain tariff quotas for certain meat and cereal products with the post-Lisbon regime of delegated and implementing acts. The rapporteur proposes amendments reflecting the changes put forward in the two so-called "Trade Omnibuses".

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (Chairman, S&D)	Cons. of draft report: 29-30/5/2012
Responsible administrator: Mindaugas Kojelis	Deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Procedure: 2011/0445(COD) - INTA/7/08381	Planned adoption in INTA: 20-21/6/2012
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in plenary: Sep-12

Related documents may be found [here](#).

5. Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items
Consideration of draft report

The rapporteur will present a draft report on proposed delegation of powers to Commission to regularly update the EU dual-use export control list (Annex I of the Regulation) and, when needed, to rapidly halt "facilitated exports" of certain items to certain destinations by removing them from the scope of General Export Authorisations (Annex II).

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6. Macro-financial assistance to the Kyrgyz Republic
Consideration of draft report

INTA will consider the draft report on macro-financial assistance (MFA) to Kyrgyz Republic. The draft report is proposing to align the present proposal procedurally to the position adopted by the Parliament regarding the latest proposal for further MFA to Georgia (2010/0390(COD)), and previous mutually agreed MFA decisions (MFA to Ukraine - Decision No 388/2010/EU, and MFA to Moldova - Decision No 938/2010/EU).

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (Chairman, S&D)	Consideration of draft report: 29-30/5/2012
Responsible administrator: Marti Kalas	Deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012 at 12:00
Procedure: 2011/0458(COD)- INTA/7/08386	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in plenary: Jul/Sept-12

Related documents may be found [here](#).

7. Trade Agreement between the EU of the one part and Colombia and Peru of the other part
Consideration of draft recommendation (consent)

During the next committee meeting, members will consider a draft recommendation by the rapporteur, Mr. Mário David, on consent to this agreement.

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8. State of Play on International Trade Negotiations

In camera

During the regular exchange of views with INTA, Jean-Luc Demarty, Director General, DG Trade, Commission, will give the overview on the state of play regarding international trade negotiations.

9. Trade Agreement between the EU of the one part and Colombia and Peru of the other part

Votes

INTA will vote on the draft motion for a resolution on the Trade Agreement between the EU of the one part and Colombia and Peru of the other part, to wind up the debate on the oral question. In total 83 amendments have been tabled by INTA members.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Mário David (EPP)	Adoption of oral question: 25-26/4/2012
Responsible administrator: Helena Halldorf-Romero	Deadline for Ams: 8/5/2012, 18.00
Procedure: 2012/2628(RSP) -INTA/7/09402	Adoption of resolution in INTA: 29-30/5/2012
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in plenary: Jun-12

Related documents may be found [here](#).

10. EU accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)

Exchange of views

INTA will have a debate on the merits of possible EU's accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC). This is an International Commodity Body for cotton and cotton textiles, bringing together governments of cotton producing, consuming and trading countries. ICAC remains one of a few international commodity bodies (ICBs) of which the EU is not yet a member, and the European Parliament will decide whether to grant consent to possible EU accession to it. The EU is a net cotton exporter and the largest provider of cotton-related development assistance. Furthermore, this fibre is vital to the textiles and clothing industry of the EU.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Cristiana Muscardini (EPP)	Exchange of views. 29-30/5/2012
Responsible administrator: Mindaugas Kojelis	Planned cons. of draft report: 20-21/6/2012
Procedure: 2011/0420(NLE) - INTA/7/08168	Planned deadline for Ams: 22/6/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in INTA: 11-12/7/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Sep-12

Related documents may be found [here](#).

11. Motion for a resolution on the consequences of the crisis in the European tanning industry

Consideration of draft opinion in letter form

Following a motion for resolution tabled to Plenary by Cristiana Muscardini, INTA decided, according to Rule 120, to adopt an opinion in the form of a letter. This procedure allows for INTA's opinion to be sent as a letter by the President of Parliament to the other EU institutions. Ms. Muscardini is expected to provide her reasoning behind the motion for resolution and the text she presented to the Committee.

12. Establishing a Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries

Consideration of draft opinion

INTA will consider a draft opinion on the Partnership Instrument that is intended to be a general instrument for fostering mainly economic and trade cooperation with third countries. The Partnership Instrument replaces ICI (Regulation (EC) No 134/2006), which has been the EU's main vehicle for cooperation with developed countries and which was recently extended also to developing countries.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Laima Liucija Andrikiene (EPP)	First exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Martti Kalaus	Consideration of a draft opinion: 29-30/5/2012
Procedure: 2011/0411(COD) - INTA/7/08336	Planned deadline for AMs: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: AFET*	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
	Plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

13. Establishing common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for external action

Consideration of draft opinion

INTA will consider a draft opinion on horizontal so-called "Common Implementing Regulation" that is applicable to all seven new external financial instruments, dealing with implementation phase of those instruments.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Laima Liucija Andrikiene (EPP)	Consideration of a draft opinion: 29-30/5/2012
Responsible administrator: Martti Kalaus	Planned deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Procedure: 2011/0415(COD) - INTA/7/08645	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
Lead committee: AFET	Plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

14. **Amendment of Directive 2004/109/EC on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market and Commission Directive 2007/14/EC**
15. **Annual financial statements, consolidated financial statements and related reports of certain types of undertakings**

Consideration of draft opinions

INTA will hold a joint debate on these draft opinions. The rapporteur will present his positions on these directives; he has tabled in his draft 3 amendments to the transparency directives and 26 amendments to the accounting directives. Overall, the rapporteur aims at increasing the country-by-country reporting introduced by these directives for the extractive and logging industries.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Helmut Scholz (GUE/NGL)	Exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Nicolas Dorgeret	Cons. of a draft opinion: 29-30/5/2012
Procedure: 2011/0307(COD) - INTA/7/08161	Planned deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: JURI	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents can be found [here](#)

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Helmut Scholz (GUE/NGL)	Exchange of views: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Nicolas Dorgeret	Cons. of a draft opinion: 29-30/5/2012
Procedure: 2011/0308(COD) - INTA/7/08984	Planned deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Lead committee: JURI	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents can be found [here](#)

16. **Establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation**

Exchange of views

In its new proposal for the financing instrument for Development Cooperation (with a financial envelope of 23 billion for 2014-2020) the Commission has made considerable changes in order to have more flexibility in the implementation. The Commission also proposes EU aid to concentrate on fewer sectors with a stronger focus on democracy, human rights and on areas conducive to inclusive and sustainable growth. It is also proposed that the EU would focus its aid on fewer countries, namely, the poorest countries. Issues of interest for INTA could as well include targeted Aid for Trade and the development component of the EPAs.

INTA will hold its first exchange of views. The timetable is different from the other financial instruments, since DEVE is the lead committee on DCI, whereas for the others AFET is the lead committee.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Helmut Scholz (GUE/NGL)	Exchange of views: 29-30/5/2012
Responsible administrator: Leon Peijnenburg	Planned cons. of draft opinion: 11-12/7/2012
Procedure: 2011/0406(COD) - INTA/7/08335	Planned deadline for Ams: 19/07/2012, 18.00
Lead committee: DEVE	Planned adoption in INTA: 3/9/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

17. Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)

Consideration of draft opinion

The committee will consider its draft opinion to the AFET legislative report on the Instrument for Pre-accession assistance (so-called IPA II). The Commission proposal counts with the amount of 14 110 100 000 EUR for the period of 2014-2020. The instrument is designed to support candidate countries and potential candidates in implementing the necessary reforms required to bring the countries closer to the EU values, rules, standards, policies and practices with a view to Union membership.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Juliu Winkler (EPP)	Cons. of draft opinion: 29-30/5/2012
Responsible administrator: Tatiana Mrazikova	Deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Procedure: 2011/0404(COD) - INTA/7/08317	Planned adoption in INTA: 20-21/6/2012
Lead committee: AFET	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

18. Establishing an Instrument for Stability

Consideration of draft opinion

The committee will consider its draft opinion by rapporteur Damien Abad (EPP) to the AFET legislative report on the Instrument for Stability. This financial instrument is meant to be used to function in the area of conflict prevention, crisis management and peace building. The Instrument for Stability (IFS) also enables the EU to help build long term international, regional and national capacity to address pervasive trans-regional and global threats, including fight against illicit trafficking. For the coming period (2014-2020), the EC proposes an increase in budget from 2 to 2.8 billion Euros.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Damien Abad (EPP)	Cons. of draft opinion: 29-30/5/2012
Responsible administrator: Leon Peijnenburg	Deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Procedure: 2011/0413(COD) - INTA/7/08348	Planned adoption in INTA: 20-21/6/2012
Lead committee: AFET	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

19. Establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument

Consideration of draft opinion

The European Neighbourhood Instrument replaces the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (ENPI) and seeks to adapt the EU financing in the EU Neighbourhood to the new ENP approach that notably calls for greater support to partners committed to building democratic societies and undertaking reforms, in line with the "more for more" and "mutual accountability" principles. For INTA this instrument is of particular interest as it covers the financing of the investments by the EIB and the EBRD.

The rapporteur for opinion, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora, is expected to propose amendments that will improve on the conditionality, and the principles of "More for More" and differentiation so that the instrument will be more incisive in helping neighbouring countries create truly free market economies that also respect social and environmental standards and international law.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: María A. Correa Zamora (EPP)	Consideration of a draft opinion: 29-30/5/2012
Responsible administrator: Andre Corrado	Planned deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012, 12.00
Procedure: 2011/0405(COD) - INTA/7/08327	Planned adoption INTA: 20-21/6/2012
Lead committee: AFET	Plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

20. EU-Russia agreement on trade in parts and components of motor vehicles

Votes

The draft recommendation supports the consent to this agreement. A single vote on the draft will take place. No amendments were tabled.

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21. EU-Russia Agreement regarding the preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the current EU-Russia Partnership and Co-operation Agreement

Votes

The draft recommendation supports the consent to this agreement. A single vote on the draft will take place. No amendments were tabled.

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22. EU-Russia Agreement regarding the introduction or increase by the Russian Federation of export duties on raw materials

Votes

INTA will vote on the draft recommendation to consent to conclusion of this agreement. There are no amendments tabled to the draft recommendation.

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23. EU-Russia Agreement on the administration of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood and EU-Russia Protocol on technical modalities pursuant to that Agreement

Votes

INTA will vote on the draft recommendation to consent to conclusion of this agreement. There are no amendments tabled to the draft recommendation.

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24. Trade aspects of the Eastern partnership

Votes

INTA will vote on its own-initiative report on the Trade aspects of the Eastern Partnership. 142 amendments were submitted to the draft report. The Chairman of INTA declared 13 amendments inadmissible as they were going beyond the remit of the INTA committee defined by the EP Rules of Procedure. Some compromise amendments can be expected.

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25. 2013 Budget - Mandate for Trilogue

Votes

INTA will vote on a draft opinion to the budget committee's mandate for trilogue on the annual EU budget for 2013. Mr Peter Šťastný (EPP) is the INTA rapporteur for this opinion, for which 12 amendments were tabled.

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26. European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014 - 2020)

Votes

INTA will vote on a draft opinion regarding the legislative proposal for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund 2014-2020, for which the lead committee is the Employment committee. Mr Iuliu Winkler (EPP) is the INTA rapporteur for this opinion. 54 amendments to the legislative proposal were tabled, in addition to the 19 amendments tabled by the rapporteur in his draft opinion.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Juliu Winkler (EPP)	Cons. of a draft opinion: 26-27/3/2012
Responsible administrator: Nicolas Dorgeret	Deadline for Ams: 23/4/2012, 18.00
Procedure: 2011/0269(COD) - INTA/7/07506	Planned adoption INTA: 29-30/5/2012
Lead committee: EMPL	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents can be found [here](#)

27. Motion for a resolution on the consequences of the crisis in the European tanning industry

Votes

For more info please see the [point 11](#).

28. EU-Japan trade negotiations

Possibly - Consideration and votes

The EU-Japan Summit agreed on 28 May 2011 to begin the process for negotiations for a deep and comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA), addressing all issues of shared interest to both sides. The so-called scoping exercise, which was launched to pave the way for starting negotiations between these two trading giants, was concluded in the beginning of May 2012. INTA will possibly discuss the different options arising from the results of the scoping exercise.

29. Monitoring Group Activities

Exchange of views

As part of a standard point on its Agenda, INTA will receive feedback on Monitoring groups activities held since its last Committee meeting. Amongst others, feedback is expected from the Monitoring groups on trade relations with Vietnam and South Caucasus.

30. EU/New Zealand agreement amending the Agreement on Mutual Recognition in Relation to Conformity Assessment between the European Community and New Zealand

Consideration of draft report

Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) are agreements on the mutual recognition of conformity assessment of regulated products. An MRA gives each of its parties the authority to test and certify products against the regulatory requirements of the other party, in its own territory and prior to export. Hence, MRAs seek to lift technical barriers to trade while safeguarding the health, safety and environmental objectives of each party. The agreement amending the MRA with New Zealand has been negotiated by the Commission with the stated objective to improve and simplify the functioning of the MRA.

INTA considered its draft report on this agreement already back in October 2010. Taking into account the long period time that has elapsed between the first consideration and the official referral from the Council, the rapporteur prefers holding a second consideration before proceeding to the vote.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (Chairman, S&D)	Cons. of a draft report: 25-26/10/2010
Responsible administrator: Tatiana Mrazikova	2nd cons. of a draft report: 29-30/5/2012
Procedure: 2010/0139(NLE) - INTA/7/03040	Planned deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012 at 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in INTA: 20-21/6/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Sep-2012 (tbc)

Related documents may be found [here](#).

31. Amendment of the Agreement on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment, certificates and markings between the European Community and Australia

Consideration of draft report

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Responsible administrator: Tatiana Mrazikova	2nd cons. of a draft report: 29-30/5/2012
Procedure: 2010/0146(NLE) - INTA/7/03045	Planned deadline for Ams: 1/6/2012 at 12.00
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in INTA: 20-21/6/2012
	Planned adoption in plenary: Sep-12

Related documents may be found [here](#).

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State-of-play of ongoing negotiations

Free trade agreements: tentative dates of upcoming negotiation rounds

All dates are indicative and subject to possible changes and postponement.

Kazakhstan	24-25 May, Brussels
Armenia	Yerevan (date tbc) & 1-5 October, Brussels
Moldova	11-15 June, Brussels & 10-14 September, Chisinau
Georgia	25-29 June, Brussels & 24-28 September, Tbilisi
Mercosur	2-6 July, Brasilia

Source: DG TRADE, European Commission, more [info](#)

State of play on Trade Defence Instruments

On 31 March 2012, there were 115 anti-dumping and 10 countervailing measures in force. Furthermore, there are undertakings in force from 7 countries covering 6 products. At the end of March, 59 investigations were on-going.

A total of 20 investigations were initiated, split up as follows: 8 new investigations, of which 1 anti-subsidy; 8 expiry reviews; 2 interim reviews;

List of new proceedings initiated by 23 May 2012:

- Bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China (AS), OJ C 122, 27.4.2012
- Welded tubes, pipes and hollow profiles originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine (AD), OJ C 96, 31.3.2012
- Certain organic coated steel products originating in the People's Republic of China, (AS), OJ C 52, 22.2.2012, p. 4–12
- Threaded tube or pipe cast fittings, of malleable cast iron originating in the People's Republic of China, Thailand and Indonesia OJ C 44, 16.2.2012, p. 33–43
- Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China, (AD), OJ C 44, 16.2.2012, p. 22–32

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[Anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures list](#)

WTO Dispute settlement - recent developments

Latest DSU Developments as of 8 May 2012

- In DS316 (EU-Large Civil Aircraft) the compliance panel was established.
- In DS425 (China – X-ray equipment) the panel was composed.
- In DS432 (China-Raw Materials II) the confidential consultations took place in Geneva on 25 and 26 April 2012 between China and the 3 co-complainants: EU, US and Japan. Canada was present as a third party.

More [info](#)

The Steering Group of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO

The Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, with Members from 22 different National Parliaments, met on 7 and 8 May 2012.



The Committee was briefed by Mr. Alejandro Jara, WTO Deputy Director-General, on the status of the Doha Round negotiations after the 8th WTO Ministerial Conference (Geneva, 15-17 December 2011) and on possible ways out of the current impasse. Needless to say, the Doha negotiations are experiencing a very difficult moment and only minor steps forward are possible. For the moment, an agreement on trade facilitation seems feasible, as confirmed by the briefing by the European Commission.

Regarding preparations for the 2012 Annual Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, it was confirmed that it could be held at the WTO on 15 and 16 November. The focus of the Conference would be to bring to the forefront the political role of legislators vis-à-vis the WTO and their responsibility in influencing the stalled negotiations. The Committee also adopted a declaration.



Meetings held during weeks 17-20

- ✓ **April 26, 2012, Meeting with Mr. Charalambos Rousos** - Cypriot Full Member of the TPC Committee, to exchange views on the next presidency.
- ✓ **May 15, 2012, Meeting with Taiwan's ambassador Mr. Lin** for an update of the EU-Taiwan trade relation.
- ✓ **May 15, 2012, Meeting with Fabian Delcros (General Electric)**, on behalf of a group of companies on green free trade

Briefing notes & studies by the Policy department

Pending

- Internal briefing note on Trade and economic relations with the PRC
- External study on Economic significance of Russia's accession to the WTO
- Internal briefing note on Trade and economic relations with the US
- Internal briefing note on SMEs and international financing
- External study on Study on public procurement
- Internal briefing note on Trade and Economic relations with Russia
- Country note on Vietnam
- Country note on Indonesia
- Country note on Malaysia
- Country note on Japan
- Country note on Korea

Previous workshops

Workshop on the Future of the WTO - 8 May 2012, (10:00-12:30 pm)

With the Doha development Agenda negotiations in suspension, the workshop contributed to the debate on the future course of the WTO, with the participation of prominent trade experts from the World Trade Institute, Peterson Institute, World Bank, and Cambridge University. While discussing the best way forward, there appeared to be a broad consensus to move away from the Single Undertaking towards more flexibility and structures that reflect the existing solutions. However, many participants argued that variable geometry arrangements would not ensure the most coherent and sustainable scheme for all. The workshop also looked into the need to cooperate with other international organisations towards greater coherence in global economic policy-making and into the issue of balance of powers within the WTO.

The video recording of this workshop is available [here](#).

Upcoming workshops

- Workshop on the Trans-atlantic relations - 30 May 2012 (14:30-17:30 pm)
- Conference on G20: An accountable agenda - 4 June 2012 (15.30 -18.30 pm)
- Workshop on the Reform of the Trade Defence Instruments (tbc)
- Round table on Korea FTA (tbc)
- Round table on Japan (scoping exercise) (tbc)

Library briefings

[EU international public procurement policy](#)/ Library Briefing by Christopher Needham, 9 May 2012, 5 p.

"For the first time, the European Commission has proposed a draft Regulation covering international public-procurement policy. It is considered controversial. The Commission (EC) proposes that it would be able to investigate whether countries discriminate against the EU in public procurement tenders, or it would act when Member State (MS) contracting authorities propose to reject international tenders."

[EU-Russia trade relations: state of play and prospects](#) / Library Briefing by Marta Latek, 2 May 2012, 6 p.

"EU-Russia trade relations are growing again, after a drop in 2009. Russia is the EU's main energy supplier. In return, the EU provides Russia with high-tech, manufactured products. Russia's WTO accession raises hope of progress towards a new EU-Russia agreement. Challenges remain, such as the implications of EU energy policy for Russia and the Russian (ab) use of sanitary measures in import restrictions for EU food produce."

[Rising world food prices: causes and policy responses](#) / Library Briefing by Ivana Katsarova, 17 April 2012, 6 p.

"Affordable food has been taken for granted for the past 30 years in developed countries. However, as world food prices started climbing in 2006, this perception has quickly changed. At present, a consensus is emerging that the global food system is becoming increasingly vulnerable to episodes of extreme price volatility."

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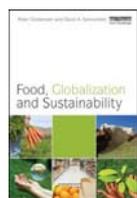
[Green trade agreements](#)/ Colyer, Dale. - Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, 1 online resource (xv, 298 p.)



"Green Trade Agreements reviews and analyses the environmental provisions that have become an important characteristic of the growing number of bilateral and regional free trade agreements. This book examines the range of approaches to these environmental provisions, evaluates their effectiveness and suggests potential improvements to the process."

E-BOOK

[Food, globalization and sustainability](#)/ Oosterveer, Peter; Sonnenfeld, David A.- London: Earthscan, 2012, xiv, 282 p.



"This book shows how conventional regulations of food provision through sovereign national governments is becoming elusive, as the distinctions between domestic and international, and between public and private spheres, disappear. At the same time multi-national companies and supranational institutions put serious limits to governmental interventions. In this context, other social actors including food retailers and NGOs are shown to take up innovative roles in governing food provision."

[Making global trade governance work for development: perspectives and priorities from developing countries](#)/



Deere-Birkbeck, Carolyn. - Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011, xxviii, 682 p

"Discussion of the governance of global trade and the multilateral trading system is too often dominated by developed-country scholars and opinion-makers, with inadequate attention given to developing country perspectives. Making Global Trade Governance Work for Development gathers a diversity of developing country views on how to improve the governance of global trade and the WTO to better advance."

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[MEPs call for trade to build democracy in Arab Spring countries](#)

Press release - 10-05-2012

The EU must do more to promote democracy and stability in its southern Mediterranean neighbourhood by boosting mutually-beneficial trade relations in the wake of the Arab Spring, says Parliament. Efforts should be focused on small businesses as the main drivers of job creation and wealth.

[Niccolò Rinaldi: trade "wonderful opportunity" for Arab Spring democracy](#)

Article - 09-05-2012

They might have removed their dictators, but countries affected by last year's Arab Spring now face the arduous process of transforming into free market democracies. The EU has pledged its support, but the question is how to go about it. Italian Liberal-Democrat Niccolò Rinaldi's report sets out a strategy for how the EU could help consolidate democracy and promote stability in Southern Mediterranean countries. MEPs approved the report in plenary on 10 May.

[ACTA: reject and maybe renegotiate, says European Parliament rapporteur](#)

Press release - 25-04-2012

The European Parliament should reject the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) because it is not clear enough to protect citizens' rights, said rapporteur David Martin (UK, S&D) in his formal recommendation to the International Trade Committee on Wednesday. However, he acknowledged that an alternative way to protect Europe's intellectual property is needed, and could perhaps be found by renegotiating the agreement.

[MEPs back fight against illegal rain forest logging in Africa](#)

Press release - 19-04-2012

Parliament backed EU efforts to halt the illegal logging and degradation of rain forests when it granted its consent to forest protection agreements with the Central African Republic and Liberia on Thursday. Both countries account for significant shares of Africa's rain forests.

[EU deals with Azerbaijan and Armenia should make the region safer](#)

Press release - 18-04-2012

The association agreements that the EU is negotiating with Armenia and Azerbaijan should make the region safer, both by promoting a peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and by making EU support conditional upon their human rights performance and democratic reforms. On these, both countries still have a long way to go, MEPs say in resolutions adopted Wednesday.

Important Meetings and Events

WTO events

29 May - 1 June	Beijing Round Table 2012, Beijing, China
30 May - 1 June	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok, Thailand
4-6 June	World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul, Turkey
12-14 June	WTO: Trade Policy Review Body - China
18-19 June	UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) - Committee on Trade fifth annual session, Geneva, Switzerland
20-22 June	United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development - Rio+20 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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