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# OPINION

of the Committee on Legal Affairs

for the Committee on International Trade

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, Australia, Canada, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Japan, the Kingdom of Morocco, the United Mexican States, New Zealand, the Republic of Singapore and the Swiss Confederation  
(12195/2011 – C7-0027/2012 – 2011/0167(NLE))

Rapporteur: Evelyn Regner

PA\_Leg\_Consent

## SHORT JUSTIFICATION

Further to the adoption of the negotiating directives by the Council on 14 April 2008, negotiations on the 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 (ACTA) were launched on 3 June 2008. The agreement was concluded on 15 November 2010 and the text was initialled on 25 November, after 11 rounds of negotiations.

The Committee on Legal Affairs has been asked to give its opinion on the recommendation that the Committee on International Trade should give to Parliament as regards its consent to the conclusion of ACTA by the Council on behalf of the EU.

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The Committee on Legal Affairs calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to propose that Parliament decline to give its consent.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	31.5.2012
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 10 -: 12 0: 2
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Raffaele Baldassarre, Luigi Berlinguer, Sebastian Valentin Bodu, Françoise Castex, Christian Engström, Marielle Gallo, Giuseppe Gargani, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Gerald Häfner, Sajjad Karim, Klaus-Heiner Lehne, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Evelyn Regner, Francesco Enrico Speroni, Rebecca Taylor, Alexandra Thein, Cecilia Wikström, Zbigniew Ziobro, Tadeusz Zwiefka
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Eva Lichtenberger, Axel Voss
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Mikael Gustafsson, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier