

**Amendment 14**

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**Report****A8-0367/2018****Pedro Silva Pereira**

EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (resolution)  
(2018/0091M(NLE))

**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 5***Motion for a resolution*

5. Points out that Japan *has addressed unnecessary* non-tariff measures (NTMs) in a variety of sectors such as vehicles, food additives, *sanitary and phytosanitary regulations*, food labelling and cosmetics, *thereby reducing* compliance costs and *creating a more predictable regulatory framework*; recalls a country's right to set national standards at a level that is higher than international ones when it is justified for the sake of adequate health, safety or consumer protection; takes note, in addition, of Japan's commitment to align its automotive standards with UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) international standards, also used by EU car manufacturers;

*Amendment*

5. Points out that *European commercial stakeholders have exploited the desperate situation of Japan following several environmental and man-made disasters and the conclusion of the EU-Korea agreement, to present two lists with* non-tariff measures (NTMs) *which the companies concerned wanted to see scrapped* in a variety of sectors such as vehicles, food additives, food labelling and cosmetics *in order to reduce their compliance costs and ease market access, and that compliance by Japan was declared a precondition for entering into direct negotiations in relation to this trade agreement*; recalls a country's right to set national standards at a level that is higher than international ones when it is justified for the sake of adequate health, safety or consumer protection; takes note, in addition, of Japan's commitment to align its automotive standards with UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) international standards, also used by EU car manufacturers;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**

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EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (resolution)  
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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 7***Motion for a resolution*

7. Considers that Japan is a highly valuable export market for EU farmers and food producers, and notes that around 85 % of agri-food products will be allowed to enter Japan duty free; points out that processed agricultural products will also enjoy duty-free entry to the Japanese market after a transitional period; **welcomes the fact** that the agreement provides significant export opportunities for EU agri-food products, such as wine, beef, pigmeat and cheese, **and that it** protects 205 European geographical indications (GIs), with the possibility of adding further GIs, which constitutes a further improvement in comparison to previous trade agreements and is particularly important for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the food sector; calls for the continuation of talks after three years in order to evaluate the options for expanding the list of protected GIs, and expects both parties to pay the utmost attention to sustainable agriculture, including small-scale food production and rural development;

*Amendment*

7. Considers that Japan is a highly valuable export market for EU farmers and food producers, and notes that around 85 % of agri-food products will be allowed to enter Japan duty free; **warns that although rice has been safeguarded, many other products of crucial importance for Japanese farmers and food producers will face cut-throat competition from EU exports**; points out that processed agricultural products will also enjoy duty-free entry to the Japanese market after a transitional period, **and** that the agreement provides significant export opportunities for EU agri-food products, such as wine, beef, pigmeat and cheese; **is concerned that a dramatic increase in EU food products entering the Japanese market would put the livelihoods of Japanese farmers and small-scale food producers at risk, and emphasises the need for a safety net of efficient and fast safeguard measures**; **welcomes the fact that the agreement** protects 205 European geographical indications (GIs), with the possibility of adding further GIs, which constitutes a further improvement in comparison to previous trade agreements and is particularly important for small and

medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the food sector; calls for the continuation of talks after three years in order to evaluate the options for expanding the list of protected GIs, and expects both parties to pay the utmost attention to sustainable agriculture, including small-scale food production and rural development;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**

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EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (resolution)  
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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 10***Motion for a resolution*

10. Welcomes the commitment to the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement to combat climate change and of other multilateral environmental agreements, as well as to the sustainable management of forests (including fighting illegal logging) and fisheries (combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing); underlines that EU legislation and standards remain applicable to products imported into the EU market and that, in particular, the EU Timber Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 995/2010) prohibits the placing of illegal timber on the EU market and establishes a mandatory due diligence system; calls on both parties to cooperate closely under the sustainable development chapter to exchange best practices and to strengthen the enforcement of legislation in these matters, including on the most effective measures to combat illegal logging and on paying particular attention to preventing exports of illegally logged timber from the EU to Japan;

*Amendment*

10. Welcomes the commitment to the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement to combat climate change and of other multilateral environmental agreements, as well as to the sustainable management of forests (including fighting illegal logging) and fisheries (combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing); ***calls for enhanced cooperation to save endangered maritime species such as bluefin tuna, and for whaling to be ended at last; calls in particular on Japan to respect all resolutions of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and to prohibit scientific whaling carried out as a cover for commercial whaling;*** underlines that EU legislation and standards remain applicable to products imported into the EU market and that, in particular, the EU Timber Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 995/2010) prohibits the placing of illegal timber on the EU market and establishes a mandatory due diligence system; calls on both parties to cooperate closely under the sustainable development chapter to exchange best practices and to strengthen the enforcement of legislation in these matters, including on the most effective measures to combat

illegal logging and on paying particular attention to preventing exports of illegally logged timber from the EU to Japan;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**

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EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (resolution)  
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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 14***Motion for a resolution*

14. Underlines the fact that the EPA reasserts the right of Member State authorities to fully define, provide and regulate public services at local, regional or national level **and** that a negative list **as provided for** in this agreement **does not prevent** governments from bringing any privatised services back into the public sector or from freely developing new public utilities; **believes** that as a principle, the use **of** a positive list approach as per the WTO General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS) **is preferable; notes** the commitment made by both parties in the EPA to protecting public water management as part of the general public services exemption;

*Amendment*

14. Underlines the fact that the EPA reasserts the right of Member State authorities to fully define, provide and regulate public services at local, regional or national level; **deplores the fact** that a negative list **approach has been applied** in this agreement **and reiterates its interpretation of the text to the effect that nothing in this agreement prevents governments or local and regional authorities** from bringing any privatised services back into the public sector or from freely developing new public utilities; **insists** that as a principle, the **Commission should** use a positive list approach as per the WTO General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS) **in all negotiations of trade agreements for the Union; welcomes** the commitment made by both parties in the EPA to protecting public water management as part of the general public services exemption, **but profoundly deplores the fact that waste water management has not been exempted, as a consequence of the negative list approach;**

Or. en

**Amendment 18**

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EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (resolution)  
(2018/0091M(NLE))

**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 17***Motion for a resolution*

17. ***Stresses*** that the agreement ***preserves*** the sovereign right to regulate the financial and banking sectors for prudential and supervisory reasons; ***calls on both partners to use*** the financial ***regulatory forum to improve the*** global financial system;

*Amendment*

17. ***Deplores the fact*** that the agreement ***does not adequately preserve*** the sovereign right to regulate the financial and banking sectors for prudential and supervisory reasons; ***is very concerned that the scope of liberalisation of financial services by the EPA will prove to be too broad, as it includes all finance-related positions, and all financial products and innovations; recalls that among these products were the particularly toxic assets which were at the centre of the 2008 global financial crisis; warns that, also considering the opaque regulatory cooperation system, which has been agreed by the negotiators and is aimed at reducing the costs and regulatory burdens incurred by private operators, it may become extremely challenging to prevent future financial crises;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 19**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***17a. Calls upon both parties to carry out systematic studies of the impact of the EPA on financial stability and financial regulation space; calls, moreover, on the parties to exclude financial regulation from the scope of any future agreement on investment protection arbitration;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 20***Motion for a resolution*

20. Calls for transparency on the functioning of the regulatory cooperation committee and for the adequate involvement of **all** stakeholders, notably trade unions and civil society organisations, which should be regarded as a prerequisite for continuing to build public trust in the agreement and its implications; stresses that Parliament should be kept informed on a regular basis about the decisions taken in the regulatory cooperation committee;

*Amendment*

20. Calls for transparency on **and *parliamentary oversight of*** the functioning of the regulatory cooperation committee and for the adequate involvement of stakeholders, notably trade unions and civil society organisations, which should be regarded as a prerequisite for continuing to build public trust in the agreement and its implications; stresses that Parliament should be kept informed on a regular basis about the decisions ***drafted for and taken by the Joint Council and in all committees established by the agreement, including the financial regulatory forum; insists on full access for Members of the European Parliament and national parliaments to all preparatory documents of the Regulatory Cooperation Committee, the financial regulatory forum, and the TSD Committee; insists on a transparency register for the participants in meetings of the Joint Council and all of its subordinate committees and bodies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 21***Motion for a resolution*

21. Notes that negotiations continue on a separate investment agreement, which Parliament will monitor closely; notes that the Commission has introduced an investment court system in agreements with other partners, pending the establishment of a multilateral investment court; reiterates that the old, private investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanism is unacceptable and that there is no mandate to return to it;

*Amendment*

21. Notes that negotiations continue on a separate investment agreement, which Parliament will monitor closely; notes that the Commission has introduced an investment court system in agreements with other partners, pending the establishment of a multilateral investment court; reiterates that the old, private investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanism is unacceptable and that there is no mandate to return to it; ***calls on the parties to have recourse to their established domestic court systems for disputes arising in the context of investments; insists on the principle of equality before the law for citizens and domestic and foreign investors;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

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EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (resolution)  
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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 22***Motion for a resolution*

22. **Welcomes** the fact that the **EU** and **Japan** successfully concluded their talks on a reciprocal adequacy decision on 17 July 2018 and that they agreed to recognise each other's data protection systems as 'equivalent', which will enable data to flow **more safely** between the EU and Japan; highlights the important role of the respective data protection authorities in safeguarding an adequate level of data protection; notes that the agreement includes a rendez-vous clause providing for an assessment of the issue of cross-border transfer of data provisions within three years **and** recognises the increasing importance of the digital economy for growth and jobs; recalls that all trade agreements must fully respect the EU acquis on data protection and the protection of privacy, including the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), and stresses that any future outcome must be subject to the consent of Parliament and safeguard EU citizens' fundamental rights;

*Amendment*

22. **Deplores** the fact that the **Commission** and **the Japanese administration** successfully concluded their talks on a reciprocal adequacy decision on 17 July 2018 and that they agreed to recognise each other's data protection systems as 'equivalent', which will enable data to flow **unhindered** between the EU and Japan; **stresses that this will lead to increased trade in personal data and user profiles, and urges the parties to prevent abuse by corporate or government actors, and to suspend the adequacy certificate if such abuse occurs;** highlights the important role of the respective data protection authorities in safeguarding an adequate level of data protection; notes that the agreement includes a rendez-vous clause providing for an assessment of the issue of cross-border transfer of data provisions within three years; recognises the increasing importance of the digital economy for growth and jobs; recalls that all trade agreements must fully respect the EU acquis on data protection and the protection of privacy, including the General Data Protection Regulation

(Regulation (EU) 2016/679), and stresses that any future outcome must be subject to the consent of Parliament and safeguard EU citizens' fundamental rights;

Or. en

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**Amendment 23**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***29a. Calls for the implementation of the EPA to be suspended until a new text has been presented that properly reflects all of the demands expressed by Parliament in this resolution;***

Or. en