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Highlights

EP extends trade preferences to Ukraine

MEPs start reflection on "Conflict minerals" proposals

Time to invest in Myanmar?

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 5 November 2014 (09.00-12.30)

Wednesday, 5 November 2014 (15.00-18.30)

Thursday, 6 November 2014 (9.00-12.30)

Room: Altiero Spinelli (ASP) 3G-3

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Meeting highlights (05-06/11/2014)

Stopping wars fuelled by resources

Exchange of views on "Conflict minerals"

In order to break the link between illegal extraction of minerals, trade and financing of armed conflicts, the Commission has come up with proposals, aiming to contribute to existing instruments such as the American Dodd-Frank Act and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance. The Commission proposes a Union system of self-certification of responsible importers of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold, which will in time lead to a list of responsible smelters and refiners. Companies that would choose to participate in this voluntary scheme would commit to respect OECD rules set out in due diligence guidance.

INTA MEPs will start their consideration of the proposal this week with a first exchange of views with the Commission. They will consider whether the proposed voluntary system is sufficiently attractive for companies to join in or whether a mandatory system needs to be set up. MEPs will consider arguments on finding a balance between creating an effective system while avoiding excessively cumbersome regulation in order to ensure sufficient supplies of these important minerals, used in production of cars, mobile phones, packaging, construction, aeronautics and jewellery.

Trade preferences for Moldova

Consideration of a draft report



The EU autonomous trade preferences (ATPs) for Moldova were introduced by the Council Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 of 21 January 2008 ("ATP Regulation"). In recent years the EU and Moldova intensified their political and economic relations notably through the conclusion of an Association Agreement. A trade chapter of the Agreement, signed on 27 June 2014, will lead to the creation of a "Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area" (DCFTA) between the Parties. The DCFTA has been

provisionally applied since 1 September 2014.

In the light of deepened EU-Moldova relations, Russia imposed a politically motivated import ban was on agricultural products from Moldova since 21 July 2014, significantly harming Moldova's economy. As an act of solidarity, the Commission proposed to widen existing trade preferences to also cover fresh apples, fresh table grapes and fresh plums, in addition to the tariff rate quotas proposed under the DCFTA. The proposed preferences would provide some benefits and immediate relief to the Moldovan economy, while having very limited impact on the EU market. The additional preferences would apply retroactively from 1 August 2014, in view of the seasonal peak of the three products, but would expire by the end 2015. INTA rapporteur Sorin Moisă (S&D) proposes that the Parliament takes over the Commission proposal without amendments.

Rapporteur: [Ionel-Sorin Moisă](#) (S&D)
Administrator: [Tatiana Mrazikova](#)
Procedure: [2014/0250\(COD\)](#)- INTA/8/01036
Lead committee: INTA

TIMETABLE

Deadline for amendments: to be announced
Planned vote in INTA: 4 December
Planned vote in plenary: December 2014 or January 2015

Preferential trade with the Western Balkans

Exchange of views

The EU's policy towards the countries of the Western Balkans is defined within the Stabilisation and Association Process launched in May 1999 by the European Commission. Asymmetrical trade liberalisation has been provided for by means of Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the Stabilisation and Association process.

INTA will exchange views on the Commission proposal amending Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009. There are three main aims of the amendment:

1. Prolongation of the current preferences until the end of 2020
2. Introduction of the so-called 'human rights' clause'
3. Possible suspension of preferences for Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1 January 2016

Rapporteur: [Goffredo Maria Bettini](#) (S&D)
Administrator: [Tatiana Mrazikova](#)
Procedure: [2014/0197\(COD\)](#) - INTA/8/00663
Lead committee: INTA

TIMETABLE

Deadline for amendments: To be announced
Planned vote in INTA: 22 January 2015
Planned vote in plenary: February 2015

Stand-still regulation for tariff treatment of goods from Ecuador

Consideration of draft report



INTA will discuss the draft report put forward by the INTA Standing Rapporteur for trade relations with Ecuador, Mr Helmut Scholz, on the Commission proposal on tariff treatment for goods originating from Ecuador. Following the agreement reached by the EU and Ecuador on Ecuador joining the EU-Peru/Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the Commission has hammered out a proposal to avoid that Ecuador loses its current trade preferences - enjoyed under the GSP+ scheme - before the EU-Ecuador FTA is provisionally applied. The proposal makes the benefits conditional on a

number of elements to be respected by Ecuador such as maintaining ratification and implementation of the GSP+ relevant conventions, engaging in the ratification procedure for joining the EU-Peru/Colombia FTA and abstaining from introducing new duties for imports from the EU. While the rapporteur generally supports the proposal and the Commission approach, he insists that important quasi-legislative decisions - such as to suspend the trade preferences - are not taken without the possibility for the co-legislators - the European Parliament and the Council - to object.

Rapporteur: [Helmut Scholz](#) (GUE)
Administrator: [Felix Lutz](#)
Procedure: [2014/0287\(COD\)](#) - INTA/8/01515
Lead committee: INTA

TIMETABLE

Deadline for amendments: 6 November
Planned vote in INTA: 4 December
Planned vote in plenary: January 2015

Time to invest in Myanmar?

Public hearing on the EU-Myanmar Investment Agreement



Since 2011 the EU has been demonstrating willingness to support democratic transition in Myanmar by reinstating trade preferences and launching negotiations over an investment agreement. As Myanmar needs foreign investment and European companies need legal certainty; an investment agreement can offer both of them. An EU investment protection agreement is also needed since Myanmar does not have any bilateral investment treaty with any EU Member State. Furthermore, Myanmar's neighbours do not wait: already eight investment agreements have been signed by Myanmar, including with Japan and China. With a large group of experts – including the two negotiators from both sides, INTA Members will analyse the talks, take stock of the political situation in the country and address initial recommendations.

[EU and Myanmar/Burma](#)

Modernising export controls of the dual-use items

Exchange of views and vote

SECURITY ICONS



INTA will debate and vote on a [draft oral question](#) to the Commission on the upcoming overhaul of the EU's export control policy. MEPs seek to ensure that the EU-made software and technologies are not diverted from their legitimate use and that the EU's digital infrastructure and strategic interests are duly safeguarded. They urge the Commission to ensure sufficient export controls for surveillance technologies that could be misused for repression and human rights abuses. The full parliamentary debate on the issue is envisaged during the plenary sitting on 26 November.

Fresh look at the EU-Norway trade relations

Exchange of views



Ambassador of Norway to the EU, Atle Leikvoll, will attend a discussion dedicated to the EU-Norway commercial relations. A special attention is expected to be given to the follow-up to the [EP resolution](#) of July 2013 on agricultural trade liberalisation and Norwegian agricultural duties. Members will assess the mutual trade relationship in the context of the current Russia's food embargo affecting both sides.

Import rules to be recast - textiles and other goods

Exchange of views



INTA will discuss two proposals to codify existing Regulations that deal with common rules (on surveillance and safeguard measures) for imports. The first proposal covers general import rules and the second one deals with rules on imports of textiles originating in third countries which are not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific EU import rules. Currently, the only countries the EU is importing textiles from that are not covered – General System of

Preferences or Everything But Arms included – are Belarus and North Korea. The regulation allows for the imposition of import restrictions (quotas) on both countries. Both proposals include slight substantive amendments and are, therefore, presented in the form of recasts - a procedure which limits the co-legislators' powers to amend the proposals.

Rapporteur: [Jarosław Wałęsa](#) (EPP)

Administrators: [Hannariikka Nieminen](#) / [June O'Keeffe](#)

Procedure: [2014/0177\(COD\)](#) - INTA/8/00575 and
[2014/0168 \(COD\)](#) - INTA/8/00464

Lead committee: INTA - JURI giving a recast opinion

TIMETABLE

Deadline for amendments: to be announced

Planned vote in INTA: 20-21 January 2015

Planned vote in plenary: tbc

Consent to the EU-Georgia Association Agreement

Consideration of amendments and vote

INTA will consider amendments to and subsequently vote on its opinions for the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the consent recommendation and the accompanying resolution concerning the EU/Moldova Association Agreement, especially its trade-related part – the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA). The Association Agreement signed on 27 June 2014 is provisionally applied since 1 September. The DCFTA represents a core part of the agreement and is one of the most ambitious free trade deals ever negotiated by the EU. It does not only provide for significant liberalization of trade but also for a progressive dismantling of non-tariff barriers. Once fully implemented, the DCFTAs will lead to a genuine and comprehensive economic integration. No amendments were tabled to the draft opinion on the consent recommendation that is in favour of the consent. As for the draft opinion on the accompanying resolution, 21 amendments were tabled.

Rapporteur: [Olli Rehn](#) (ALDE)

Administrator: [Tatiana Mrazikova](#)

Procedure: 2014/2816(INI) - INTA/8/01055

Lead committee: AFET

TIMETABLE

Deadline for amendments: 29 September 2014

Planned vote in INTA: 6 November 2014

Planned vote in AFET: 17 November 2014

Planned vote in plenary: November 2014

Trade MEPs take a second look at novel foods

Consideration of amendments, vote



INTA will consider amendments and vote on a draft opinion on a proposed EU Regulation on novel foods. Faced with repeated criticism by third countries at the World Trade Organisation, the Commission proposes introducing a faster and a more proportionate safety assessment for traditional foods from third countries to facilitate their entry on the EU market. INTA rapporteur Jude Kirton-Darling (S&D) is putting forward changes both to the definitions and the procedure for authorising these foods, including on a deeper involvement of the European Food

Safety Authority in the assessment of what constitutes history of safe food use in a third country. INTA Members tabled a total of 109 amendments to the proposal.

Rapporteur: [Jude Kirton-Darling](#) (S&D)
Administrator: [Hannariikka Nieminen](#)
Procedure: [2013/0435\(COD\)](#) - INTA/8/00308
Lead committee: ENVI

TIMETABLE

Deadline for amendments: 10 October 2014
Planned vote in INTA: 5-6 November 2014
Planned vote in ENVI: 24 November 2014
Planned vote in plenary: tbc

Discharge 2013

Exchange of views

In anticipation of the 2013 Annual report of the European Court of Auditors concerning the Commission budget, INTA Rapporteur Mr Reimer Böge (EPP) will put forward its priorities in connection to the discharge procedure.

INTA to discuss conclusion of the EU-Singapore FTA, the investment chapter

Monitoring of trade negotiations



The EU and Singapore have initialled the text of a free trade agreement on 20 September 2013, while negotiations on investment continued. Conclusion of this final chapter marks the end of the FTA negotiations which have started in March 2010. INTA Monitoring group on Singapore has been overseeing the negotiations since 2011.

Members will discuss with the EU Chief Negotiator particularly the outcome of the negotiations on investment, including the provisions on investor-state dispute settlement. The comprehensive agreement covers market access, tariff and non-tariff barriers, trade facilitation, liberalisation of services, procurement market, investment, sustainable development, IPR including GIs, rules of origin, competition and transparency. INTA Standing Rapporteur for Singapore is Mr David Martin (S&D).

[EU-Singapore FTA](#)

Debate on World Bank's "Doing Business" Report 2015"

INTA will discuss the 12th annual [Doing Business Report](#) by the World Bank ranking world's economies in various areas of business regulation. The report will be presented to INTA Members by Mr Augusto Lopez-Claros, Director of Global Indicators and Analysis with the World Bank Group.

Trade MEPs decide on GSP+ trade preferences for the Philippines

Via reduced tariffs for goods, the EU's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) facilitates access of developing countries' products to the EU market. Additional trade preferences are given to vulnerable developing countries that not only have ratified 27 core international conventions on human rights, environment and good governance, but also commit to improve respect for these conventions.

After the Philippines had submitted a request for GSP+ preferences, the Commission concluded that the country complies with the entry criteria. INTA will now have an exchange of views with the Commission to assess whether the Commission has drawn the right conclusions. Members want to clarify whether granting of GSP+ does not conflict with the Commission's decision to give a yellow card to the Philippines as a warning risking to being identified as a country considered to be non-cooperative in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. If a majority of MEPs would object to the delegated act, the Philippines would not be granted GSP+ preferences.

INTA sets-up its Monitoring Groups

Monitoring of trade negotiations



INTA Standing Rapporteurs for Ecuador, for Vietnam, for the US (TTIP) and for TiSA will report back from discussions with EU chief negotiators (and stakeholders) at respective Monitoring Group meetings. This will allow the entire Committee to be kept in the loop of recent developments in these trade negotiations and to share their views with the Standing Rapporteurs.

Recent events

Quote of the month

"We must seek to transform the EPAs process into a catalyst for genuine positive change, facilitating qualitatively new Africa-Africa and Africa-EU political and business relations"

Bernd Lange, Chairman of INTA in [GREAT insights Magazine](#), October/November 2014.

EP says yes to Juncker Commission

The Parliament approved the new European Commission led by Jean-Claude Juncker on 22 October, after he presented his college and its working programme for the next five years. As part of European Commission election process, all candidate commissioners had been questioned by MEPs to assess if they were suitable for the job. After an intensive grilling on trade talks with Canada and the USA, investor-to-state dispute settlement and the EU-Ukraine trade agreement, trade MEPs agreed to give green light to the incoming Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström. During her hearing, the Commissioner-designate underlined commitment to transparency, expressing willingness to step-up interinstitutional co-operation and dialogue with the civil society.

[Hearing of Cecilia Malmström](#)

MEPs extend Ukraine's duty-free access to the EU market



Plans to prolong a largely duty-free access to the EU market for Ukraine's exports until the end of 2015 were backed by the European Parliament on 23 October. Statistical data shows that the exports from Ukraine to the EU in the first half of 2014 have increased by 25%, thereby offsetting the reduction in Ukraine's exports to Russia.

[EP press release](#)

After the 7th round of talks, TTIP negotiating mandate goes public

The 7th round of EU-US negotiations on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) ending on 3 October has focused on regulatory elements, rules pillar and services. On 9 October, EU governments decided to make the TTIP negotiating mandate public. These TTIP negotiating directives were issued by the Council back in June 2013.

[Summary of the 7th round
Negotiating directives](#)

Adopted in previous INTA meetings (7 & 20/10/2014)

- [Association Agreement between the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part](#)

Rapporteur: Sorin Moisă (S&D)

Vote on draft opinion:

in favour	against	abstentions
29	5	1

- [Conclusion of an Association agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part](#)

Rapporteur: Sorin Moisă (S&D)

Vote on draft opinion:

in favour	against	abstentions
32	5	1

- [Customs duties on goods originating in Ukraine](#)

Rapporteur: Gabrielius Landsbergis (EPP)

Vote on draft report:

in favour	against	abstentions
31	5	4

Recently adopted in plenary

- 22 October: [Protocol to the EU-Republic of Korea Free Trade Agreement to take account of Croatia's accession to the EU](#)

Rapporteur: Jan Zahradil (ECR)

- 23 October: [Customs duties on goods originating in Ukraine](#)

Rapporteur: Gabrielius Landsbergis (EPP)

Chair's activities:

- ✓ 7 October: Hosting a breakfast with Delegation from Ways and Means Committee
- ✓ 7 October: Meeting with Ukrainian Ambassador
- ✓ 9 October: Meeting with Italian Council Presidency on TPC developments
- ✓ 14 October: Participation in President Schultz' TTIP Coordination Round

Calendar of INTA meetings for the year 2015 in Brussels

WEEK	WEEKDAY	DAY & MONTH	TIME
4	Wednesday	21 January 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Wednesday	21 January 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Thursday	22 January 2015	09.00 - 12.30
9	Monday	23 February 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Tuesday	24 February 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Tuesday	24 February 2015	15.00 - 18.30
12	Wednesday	18 March 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Wednesday	18 March 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Thursday	19 March 2015	09.00 - 12.30
16	Monday	13 April 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Tuesday	14 April 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Tuesday	14 April 2015	15.00 - 18.30
19	Wednesday	06 May 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Wednesday	06 May 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Thursday	07 May 2015	09.00 - 12.30
22	Thursday	28 May 2015	09.00 - 12.30
25	Monday	15 June 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Tuesday	16 June 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Tuesday	16 June 2015	15.00 - 18.30
29	Monday	13 July 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Tuesday	14 July 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Tuesday	14 July 2015	15.00 - 18.30
36	Monday	31 August 2015	15.00 - 18.30
39	Monday	21 September 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Tuesday	22 September 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Tuesday	22 September 2015	15.00 - 18.30
42	Thursday	15 October 2015	09.00 - 12.30
43	Thursday	22 October 2015	09.00 - 12.30
47	Thursday	19 November 2015	09.00 - 12.30
49	Monday	30 November 2015	15.00 - 18.30
	Tuesday	01 December 2015	09.00 - 12.30
	Tuesday	01 December 2015	15.00 - 18.30
50	Thursday	10 December 2015	09.00 - 12.30

Selected trade news

IMF warns of risks for global growth



The International Monetary Fund has cut its forecast for global economic growth in 2014 to 3.3%, lowering the growth projection for 2015 to 3.8%. The Fund says the risks for global recovery stem from uneven and fragile growth (low potential growth in advanced economies and slowing emerging markets), protracted low inflation, financial sector excesses and geopolitical tensions.

[IMF Economic Outlook](#)

Consultations on future of the Bali package, 5th Global Review of Aid for Trade

WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo announced on 21 October 2014 the start of consultations on the future of the Bali decisions and the post-Bali work programme. He said that he had heard from WTO members “a willingness to engage in this conversation and to do all we can to find a way forward”. Azevêdo also announced that the 5th Global Review of Aid for Trade will be held from 30 June to 2 July 2015. The reviews taking place every two years bring together donors and recipients in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the assistance provided.

[Azevêdo speech](#)
[Aid for Trade](#)

STATE-OF-PLAY OF THE UNION'S TRADE DEFENCE INSTRUMENTS (TDI)

EU and China settle the telecoms case at the Joint Committee

Intensive discussions between the European Commission and the Chinese government were concluded by an amicable settlement on the trade defence investigation into Chinese telecoms. The Commission took the official decision that it no longer considers it necessary to pursue this investigation on 20 October. The talks culminated on 18 October at the EU-China Joint Committee, chaired by Commissioner Karel De Gucht and Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng. EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht said: “I am pleased that the EU and China have resolved the telecoms case. The EU pursues every opportunity to level out the playing field for our companies by engaging with our strategic partners including China. The concerns that have led us to launch the case last May can now be addressed in a systematic and regular dialogue between the two sides for the benefit of our industry.”

The Financial Times reported that “Under the terms of the truce, European companies should be fully consulted on the development of standards for next-generation technologies in China. The deal will also seek to ensure there is no discrimination in public tenders and that European companies will not be cut out of funding for research in China. Market shares will be monitored and a working group will be set up on limiting companies' access to state export credits.” **The Wall Street Journal** commented the deal saying “The EU insisted on that mechanism to ensure that the three companies get a sizable percentage of huge contracts that are being tendered by China Mobile, the world's largest

telecommunications operator by number of customers, to roll out high-speed, fourth-generation broadband across its mobile network. In the first round of China Mobile 4G tenders, concluded last year, European companies received 33% of the business".

For more, see

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-1182_en.htm

On-going investigations

On 30 September 2014, there were 84 anti-dumping and 13 countervailing measures in force. Furthermore, there were undertakings in force from 5 countries covering 6 products. At the end of September, 46 investigations were on-going. 27 investigations were initiated: 11 new investigations, 7 expiry reviews, 4 interim reviews, 2 new exporter reviews, 3 anti-circumvention investigations. As a result of investigations, 1 provisional measure was imposed, involving imports from 1 country and covering 1 product, and 2 definitive measures were imposed involving 1 country and covering 1 product

For more, see

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2013/august/tradoc_151694.pdf

New investigations until 31 October 2014

- Rainbow trout originating in Turkey L 44, 15.02.2014, p. 18, (AD and AS)
- Stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in P.R. China Taiwan C 196, 26.06.2014, p. 9, (AD)
- Stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China C 267, 14.08.2014, p. 17 (AS)
- Grain-oriented flat-rolled products of silicon-electrical steel originating in the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States of America, C 267, 14.08.2014, p. 6
- Acesulfame potassium originating in the People's Republic of China C 297, 04.09.2014, p. 2 (AD)
- Imports of certain aluminium foils originating in Russia C 354, 8.10.2014, p. 14 (AD)

RECENT WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENTS

- In DS474 (Russia – AD Duties on Light Commercial Vehicles from DE and IT), the Panel requested by the EU was established on 20 October 2014.
- In DS442 (EU – Fatty Alcohols (Indonesia), Indonesia requested the composition of a Panel on 19 September 2014 while the Panel was established on 25 June 2013.
- In DS 438, Argentina – Measures affecting the importation of goods – Argentina has lodged an appeal on 26 September to the final panel report.

Recent publications

Recent publications by the DG EXPO Policy Department

- In-depth analysis, Civil Society's Concerns about the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
- In-depth analysis, Negotiations on the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Concluded
- In-depth analysis, Brazil: Promises of More Change – But in Which Direction?

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studies.html#studies>

Upcoming publications from DG EXPO Policy Department

- Note comparing draft investment protection provisions (i.e. CETA, Singapore, TTIP) negotiated by the Commission
- In-depth analysis, 'TTIP - Criticism and reactions of the civil society and EU Member States'
- In-depth analysis, Trade and economic relations with Japan
- New IPR and international trade communication
- Conflict Minerals

Recent publications by the EP research service

[Ahead of the 10th ASEM Summit](#)

Enrico D'Ambrogio, At a Glance, October 2014, 2 p.

"The 10th ASEM summit will take place in Milan, Italy on 16 and 17 October 2014. The 51 members will come together under the theme 'Responsible Partnership for Sustainable Growth and Security', with the forum also seeking to enhance its impact and visibility".

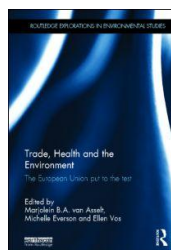
New books in the library reading room collection (available for loan)



[Parallel proceedings in international arbitration : a comparative European perspective](#)

Erk, Nadja, Kluwerlaw, 2014, 352 p.

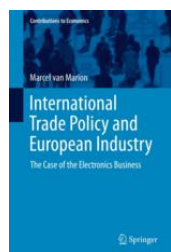
"This book depicts and evaluates, in a European context, the pleas and actions which parties may make use of to dissolve the parallel jurisdiction of a national court and an arbitral tribunal. The author undertakes a thorough comparative analysis of the motivations for, and practice of, such pleas and actions with special regard to the major hubs where elaborate arbitration laws are tried and tested by the arbitration community – Germany, France, Switzerland, and England."



[Trade, health and the environment : the European Union put to the test](#)

Marjolein van Asselt, Michelle Everson, Ellen Vos, Routledge, 2014, 274 p.

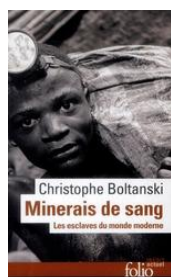
"This book addresses the current key dilemmas around science, law and the regulation of trade, both on a regime level and in the context of particular industrial sectors, e.g. pharmaceuticals, climate change and nanotechnology. It will present possible future research avenues by looking at both theory and practice and learning from various disciplines, legal realities (WTO, USA and EU) and actors (regulators, stakeholders, courts)."



[International trade policy and european industry : the case of the electronics business](#)

Marion, Marcel van, Berlin: Springer, 2014, 454 p.

"Trade policy has played a vital role in the decline of European electronics business. The events that resulted in the disappearance of the European television industry, of a European and Japanese video recorder format and of other European consumer electronics are directly related to market structures in exporting countries and business practices "



[Minerais de sang : les esclaves du monde moderne](#)

Christophe Boltanski, Gallimard, 2014, 336 p.

"Dans ce livre-enquête, dans cette traque policière sur plusieurs continents, l'auteur nous fait suivre – depuis les mines du Nord-Kivu au Congo, où des gamins africains s'enfoncent sous la terre au péril de leur vie, jusqu'aux tours de la Défense, où des entreprises mondialisées disent tout ignorer du chemin qu'empruntent les minerais. De l'Afrique des guerres oubliées au London Stock Metal Exchange, des usines de Malaisie aux poubelles à ciel ouvert du Ghana, en passant par Bruxelles et Paris, c'est un roman-vrai, nourri d'argent, d'influences obscures, de politique. »

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Coming soon

INTA/European Parliament:	
<p>Votes in INTA:</p> <p>06.11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures – Export controls of dual-use items – Conclusion of an agreement on the participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area and of the three related agreements – Novel foods – Association Agreement between the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part – Conclusion of an Association agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part 	<p>Trade files planned in plenary:</p> <p>November 2014</p> <p>Oral Question on Export controls of dual-use items</p> <p>December 2014:</p> <p>Conclusion of an agreement on the participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area and the three related agreements</p> <p>Tariff treatment for goods originating from Ecuador</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences</p>
<p>INTA meeting dates</p> <p>3-4 December 2014</p>	<p>Delegation to the CARIFORUM - EU Parliamentary Committee</p> <p>Thursday, 6 November 2014, from 15.00 to 17.00 in Brussels</p>

European Union	World Trade Organisation
<p>Commission Work Program http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/key-documents/index_en.htm</p> <p>Trade negotiations Free trade agreements: tentative dates of upcoming negotiation rounds All dates are indicative and subject to possible changes and postponement.</p> <p>Japan 7th round, 20 – 24 October, Brussels, Belgium 8th round, 01 - 05 December, Tokyo, Japan - to be confirmed</p> <p>TiSA - Trade in Services Agreement 01 - 05 December, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Morocco: 6th round, 01 - 05 December, Brussels, Belgium - to be confirmed</p> <p>China 4th round, 08 - 12 December, Brussels, Belgium - to be confirmed</p> <p>More info</p> <p>EU Trade Council meetings 21 November: Formal Trade Council, Brussels</p>	<p>WTO Events calendar 2014</p> <p>18 November: Dispute Settlement Body</p> <p>19-21 November: Trade Policy Review: Hong Kong, China</p>

Various

VARIOUS	
<p>Useful links</p> <p>List of INTA Members INTA Intranet & e-Committee INTA Internet</p> <p>European Commission - Trade European Council Council of Ministers Italian presidency</p> <p>WTO Documents and publications</p>	<p>INTA on Twitter</p> <p>INTA tweets Tweets of INTA members Newshub</p>
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