



# INTA Newsletter

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## Highlights

**TTIP amendments referred back to INTA**

**INTA deliberates over the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement**

**Preventing trade in inhumane equipment via enhanced "Anti-torture Regulation"**

### Next Meeting

Monday, 15 June 2015 (15.00-18.30 )

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 3C50

Tuesday, 16 June 2015 (09.00-12.30 )

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Tuesday, 16 June 2015 (15.00-18.30 )

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## Vote on TTIP amendments delayed, referred back to INTA

EP President Martin Schulz decided on Tuesday, 10 of June 2015, to send the 116 amendments tabled in plenary to the Parliament report on TTIP to the INTA Committee for further deliberation.

## Meeting highlights (15-16/06/2015)

### INTA deliberates over the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

*Joint debate*



The rapporteur for the consent file and accompanying resolution, Mr Pablo Zalba (EPP) will present his draft report in which he highlights the benefits that the trade facilitation would bring in terms of reducing delays and costs for exporters and in particular SMEs. He also notes in his report the importance of providing assistance to developing countries to ensure that they can make the necessary adaptations to their procedures in order to be able to put the new rules into practice and the need to coordinate the different sources of funding available with a view to ensure that the money available is well spent. INTA is due to vote on the report at its July meeting.

<b>Rapporteur:</b>	<a href="#">Pablo Zalba Bidegain</a> (PPE)	<b>TIMETABLE</b>
<b>Administrators:</b>	<a href="#">June O'Keeffe</a> <a href="#">Gabriel Alvarez Recarte</a>	<b>Consideration of draft report:</b> 15-16 June 2015
<b>Procedure:</b>	<a href="#">2015/0029(NLE)</a> and <a href="#">2015/2067(INI)</a>	<b>Planned vote in INTA:</b> 13 July 2015
<b>Lead committee:</b>	INTA	<b>Planned vote in Plenary:</b> September 2015

### Latvian Presidency presents its achievements to INTA (16/06/2015)



Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU affairs, will discuss the achievements of the Latvian Presidency in the area of International Trade Policy with INTA members. During the Latvian Presidency, several legislative files were concluded by a first reading agreement between the European Parliament and the Council - three Regulations concerning the common rules for imports and the Decision granting the EU macro-financial assistance to Ukraine. Progress has been made in on-going international trade negotiations, namely on TTIP, EU-Japan FTA, Environmental Goods Agreement and TiSA. The Council has moved towards increased transparency of international trade negotiations, by deciding to publish the TiSA negotiating mandate. The Council also advanced in its work on the 'Conflict minerals' Regulation, Regulation granting the EU autonomous trade preferences to the Western Balkans' countries and the 'Trade in torture goods' Regulation.

[Latvian presidency](#)

## Tough negotiations ahead over the Conflict minerals law

### *Vote on the decision to enter into informal trilogue negotiations*

Following the partial vote in the May plenary and the decision to refer the file back to the committee, INTA will decide whether to enter into trilogue negotiations with the Council and will confirm the composition of the negotiating team. A majority of INTA members is needed for each of these decisions.

<b>Rapporteur:</b> <a href="#">Juliu Winkler</a> (PPE) <b>Administrator:</b> <a href="#">Leon Peijnenburg</a> <b>Procedure:</b> <a href="#">2014/0059(COD)</a> <b>Lead committee:</b> INTA	<b>TIMETABLE</b> <b>Vote in INTA:</b> 16 June 2015
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## Stopping trade in inhumane equipment

### *Consideration of draft report*



The "Anti-torture Regulation" (EC) No 1236/2005 contributes to protection of human rights via the EU-wide export controls of items that are used for or could be misused for capital punishment and torture, combining prohibitions with licensing requirements. The ongoing legislative update will enhance the oversight by covering brokering services and technical assistance. The rapporteur wants to strengthen the regulation by including into its scope ancillary services, transit and adding a "catch-all" clause for non-listed items.

<b>Rapporteur:</b> <a href="#">Marietje Schaake</a> (ALDE) <b>Administrators:</b> <a href="#">Mindaugas Kojelis</a> <b>Procedure:</b> <a href="#">2014/0005(COD)</a> <b>Lead committee:</b> INTA	<b>TIMETABLE</b> <b>Consideration of draft report:</b> 16 June 2015 <b>Deadline for amendments:</b> 22 June 2015 <b>Planned vote in INTA:</b> 13-14 July 2015 <b>Planned vote in Plenary:</b> September 2015
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## Public Hearing on Trade agreements and data flows: Safeguarding data protection standards



INTA and LIBE Committees are co-organising Joint Public Hearing on Trade agreements and data flows: Safeguarding the EU data protection standards.

Several negotiations for trade agreements (TTIP, TISA, CETA) touch upon areas that have an impact on data flows between the EU and the partner country (e.g. financial services, telecommunications). To which extent do these negotiations respect the EU's acquis on data privacy? Which offensive and defensive interests are at stake? Those issues will be tackled by renowned experts during the two panel discussions.

## Annual reports 2012-2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality

### *Consideration of amendments and vote*

INTA will consider the amendments to and vote on the draft opinion by Mr David Borrelli (EFDD) to the own-initiative report by the JURI committee on Annual reports 2012-2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality. In his draft opinion, Mr Borrelli points out several uncertainties regarding the application of the above principles in the common commercial policy notably in the field of investment protection. Moreover, the draft opinion calls for more realistic and broader ex-ante impact assessments of major EU trade agreements as well as for more involvement of the civil society and SMEs in the decision-making process regarding the EU trade policy. Within the deadline, 29 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion.

<p><b>Rapporteur:</b> <a href="#">David Borrelli</a> (EFDD)  <b>Administrator:</b> <a href="#">Tatiana Mrazikova</a>  <b>Procedure:</b> <a href="#">2014/2252(INI)</a>  <b>Lead committee:</b> JURI</p>	<p><b>TIMETABLE</b></p> <p><b>Consideration of amendments:</b> 15-16 June 2015  <b>Planned vote in INTA:</b> 15-16 June 2015  <b>Planned vote in JURI:</b> July 2015 (tbc)  <b>Planned vote in Plenary:</b> September 2015</p>
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## Roundtable on officially supported export credits

EU Member States have export-credit programmes in place to facilitate the financing of exports to high-risk markets. These programmes not only constitute an important instrument to enhance trade and business opportunities for European companies but have also an impact on the EU's external policies in general. As part of its control function, the INTA Committee has been following 'officially supported export credits' programmes in EU Member States very closely on the basis of the Commission's annual reports on the use of export-credit schemes in Member States. Back in 2012 Parliament adopted a resolution that noted the necessity of complying with the Union's general provisions on external action and of ensuring coherence with other policy areas, in particular the fight against climate change. There have been some modifications to the OECD 'Arrangement' over the last year. And the Commission informed Parliament that a delegated act on export credits is foreseen in the second half of 2015. In light of this, it is time to take stock of the current state of export-credit policies in the EU. The INTA roundtable discussion with high-level experts will give crucial insight into export-credit programmes from various perspectives.

### [Programme](#)

## Workshop: Modernisation of Dual-Use export controls



Committee on International Trade and Subcommittee on Security and Defence will co-host a Workshop on the reform of the EU's Dual Use export controls on 17 June. Members of the Parliament and academic experts will address the implications of the review options of the "Dual-Use Regulation" outlined in the Communication COM (2014)0244. A new legislative proposal on strategic export controls is scheduled for the first half of 2016.

[Programme](#)

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## Exchange of views on the General Budget for the financial year 2016



The Commission's Draft Budget for 2016 was presented to the European Parliament on 27 May 2015. In the presence of Mr. José Manuel Fernandes (EPP), the rapporteur on the General Budget for the financial year 2016, INTA MEP's will hold an exchange of views on INTA's priorities for the 2016 Union budget.

**Rapporteur:** [Reimer Böge](#) (PPE)  
**Administrator:** [Marc Jütten](#)  
**Lead committee:** BUDG

**TIMETABLE**  
**Exchange of views:** 16 June 2015  
**Consideration of draft report:** 13-14 July 2015  
**Planned vote in INTA:** 31 August 2015  
**Planned vote in Plenary:** October 2015

## Accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement concluded between the EU and its Member States and Colombia and Peru

### *Exchange of views*

Only a couple of days after the 8th EU-CELAC Summit INTA will hold an exchange of views on the envisaged resolution on the accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement concluded between the EU and its Member States and Colombia and Peru. Negotiations with Ecuador were concluded in July 2014. The Agreement was initialled on 12 December 2014. The European Parliament is now waiting for the official saisine for the consent procedure which is supposed to take place in the second half of 2015. The rapporteur for this resolution is Mr. Helmut Scholz (GUE), the INTA Standing Rapporteur for trade relations with Ecuador and Bolivia.

**Rapporteur:** [Helmut Scholz](#) (GUE/NGL)  
**Administrator:** [Marc Jütten](#)  
**Procedure:** 2015/2656(RSP)  
**Lead committee:** INTA

**TIMETABLE**  
**Exchange of views:** 16 June 2015  
**Consideration draft report:** 13-14 July 2015  
**Planned vote in INTA:** 21-22 September 2015  
**Planned vote in plenary:** October 2015

## Report from the Commission to the European Council: Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2015

### *Exchange of views*

The Commission publishes an annual report highlighting the main barriers faced by exporters in the EU's six strategic economic markets, namely China, India, Japan, Mercosur, Russia and the United States. The purpose of the report is to raise awareness of what these barriers are with a view to tackling them. Although the focus of the report is on the Commission's bilateral trade agenda, it points out the importance of making progress on the conclusion of the Doha Development Agenda and on the various plurilateral negotiations such as the one on services and on green goods. The Commission will present the 2015 report to INTA members following which there will be an exchange of views.

## INTA members visit Genoa, Milan EXPO 2015



Official Participant

On 18-19 June, an eight-member delegation of INTA will attend the Milan World EXPO 2015, dedicated to the food security and sustainability of the global food system. With INTA competences comprising legislation and agreements covering trade facilitation, external aspects of customs, investment and commodity trade, MEPs will exchange ideas with key stakeholders, contributing to the

debate on the global food security, and will visit the EU and other pavilions showcasing innovative solutions. Ahead of the visit to Milan, INTA members will examine port operations and customs procedures at the Port of Genoa.

### [The EU at the EXPO 2015](#)

## Recent events

### Quote of the month

*"We will use the additional time we gained to work towards reaching a stable majority for the TTIP-resolution. The EP can only come forward with a strong message for the TTIP negotiators if our resolution is supported by a broad majority"*

Bernd Lange, Rapporteur on TTIP, INTA Chair

[Press release](#)

### Adopted in previous INTA meetings:

*06-07/05/2015*

- [Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in third countries](#)

Rapporteur: Alessia Maria Mosca (S&D)

Vote on draft report

in favour	against	abstentions
29	1	6

- [Trade in seal products](#)

Rapporteur: Bendt Bendtsen (PPE)

Vote on draft opinion:

in favour	against	abstentions
19	14	3

28/05/2015

- [The external impact of EU trade and investment policy on public-private initiatives in countries outside the EU](#)

Rapporteur: Jan Zahradil (ECR)

Vote on draft report

in favour	against	abstentions
34	5	2

- [Recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\)](#)

Rapporteur: Bernd Lange (S&amp;D)

Vote on draft report

in favour	against	abstentions
28	13	0

- [Private sector and development](#)

Rapporteur: Lola Sánchez Caldentey (GUE/NGL)

Vote on draft opinion

in favour	against	abstentions
36	1	4

- [Cloning of animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species kept and reproduced for farming purposes](#)

Rapporteur: Jude Kirton-Darling (S&amp;D)

Vote on draft opinion

in favour	against	abstentions
34	6	1

#### Chair's activities:

- ✓ 5 May: Meeting with EESC EU-US follow up committee on EU-US trade relations
- ✓ 26 May: INTA-ITRE conference on Liquid Gaz



## Selected trade news

### **EU Japan Summit recommends conclusion of trade talks as soon as possible**

23rd EU-Japan Summit was held in Tokyo on 29 June 2015. The leaders recommend in their statement "...an ambitious EPA/ FTA to be concluded as soon as possible". The leaders confirm they "have entrusted our negotiators with the mandate to settle the outstanding differences with a view to reaching agreement encompassing all the key issues preferably by the end of 2015."

[Press statement](#)

### **Africa launches "Cape to Cairo" free-trade zone**

African leaders agree on the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) that will comprise three existing trade blocs - the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the East African Community (EAC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), covering 26 states.

[Briefing](#)

### **Over 31 million EU jobs supported by exports, report says**

One in seven EU jobs directly or indirectly depends on exports to the rest of the world, the European Commission report says. With the expansion of global value chains, EU exports support more and more jobs not only in the EU but also in our partner countries.

[Summary](#)

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

### On-going investigations and measures in force

On 31 May 2015, there were 81 anti-dumping (which were subsequently extended in 29 cases<sup>1</sup>) and 14 countervailing measures in force. Furthermore, there were undertakings in force from 4 countries covering 5 products. At the end of May, 48 investigations were on-going.

Initiations 19 investigations were initiated, out of which 5 new investigations, 2 expiry reviews, 5 interim reviews, 1 other review and 6 anti-circumvention investigations. 8 provisional measures were imposed and 2 definitive measures were imposed. The Commission accepted undertakings offered by exporters in 1 case.

6 expiry reviews were concluded with confirmation of duty, 3 interim and 2 other reviews with confirmation/amendment of duty, and 3 circumvention investigations were concluded with extension of duty 1 new investigation and 2 reviews were terminated without the imposition of measures.

### New investigations initiated during the period 1 January – 31 May 2015

Anti-dumping investigations:

- High fatigue performance steel concrete reinforcement bars from P.R. China OJ C 143, 30.04.2015;
- Cold-rolled flat steel products from P.R. China and Russia OJ C 161, 14.05.2015;
- Aspartame from P.R. China OJ CC 177, 30.05.2015.

Anti-subsidy investigations:

- Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron from India C 83, 11.03.2015.

[http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2015/june/tradoc\\_153518.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2015/june/tradoc_153518.pdf)

## RECENT WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENTS

On 7 May 2015, Russia requested consultations (in a second complaint) with the European Union regarding “cost adjustment” methodologies used by the EU for the calculation of dumping margins in anti-dumping investigations and reviews. These methodologies allow in certain cases the rejection of prices of sales of “like products”, the rejection of cost and price information of producers and exporters in the country of origin, including data on energy inputs as part of the manufacturing costs. Russia lodged the first complaint to the WTO on the "cost adjustment" methodologies on 4 June 2014.

## Publications

### Upcoming publications from DG EXPO Policy Department

- International trade and gender issues
- Trade and economic relations with China
- Role of wholesalers and distribution groups in international trade
- The cross-cutting and cumulative effects of EU FTAs
- Assessment of [TDI policy](#) decisions for 2014 (based on monitoring report published by the EC)

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### Recent publications by the EP Research Service

#### [Nicaragua: The Chinese inter-ocean canal project](#)

Gisela Grieger, EPRS At A Glance, May 2015, 2 p.

On 22 December 2014, the controversial construction of a shipping route across Nicaragua to connect the Pacific and the Atlantic Ocean was officially launched. With an estimated cost of US\$40 to US\$50 billion, the Nicaragua inter-ocean canal project could be the biggest-ever infrastructure investment in Latin America's history.

#### [EU-Russia trade](#)

Martin Russell, EPRS At A Glance, May 2015, 2 p.

Trade between the EU and Russia has decreased due to the difficult context (tensions over Ukraine, long-standing trade barriers, sanctions and counter-sanctions, recession in Russia), but remains substantial.

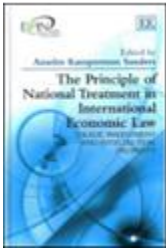
## New print and online books in the EP Research Service library collection



### [Emerging powers in the WTO : developing countries and trade in the 21st century](#)

Constantine Michalopoulos, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, xxi, 278 p.

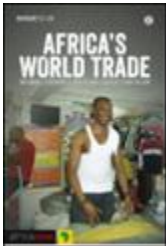
"Trends in the trade of developing countries, 1980-2010 -- Trade and development in GATT and the WTO -- WTO Accession issues -- Developing-country trade policies -- Developing-country trade-related institutions and aid for trade -- Developing-country trade policies -- The TRIPS agreement and developing-countries -- Developing-country participation in the WTO -- The Doha Round Negotiations -- The future of the WTO in global governance."



### [The principle of national treatment in international economic law : trade, investment and intellectual property](#)

Anselm Kamperman Sanders, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014, 328 p.

"The principle of national treatment, or the non-discrimination clause, is a principle that applies across many fields of international economic law. This book offers a unique horizontal examination of the principle as it applies within international trade law, international investment law, and intellectual property law. A valuable section at the end of the book draws together the common strands and highlights the variations in application between these fields."



### [Africa's world trade : informal economies and globalization from below](#)

Margaret C. Lee, Zed Books, 2014, 256 p.

"Are Africa's world markets really contributing to development across the continent for individuals, nations and regions? This is the key question posed by Margaret Lee in this provocative book, in which she argues that all too often the voices of African traders are obscured amid a blizzard of statistical analysis. However, it is these very voices - from those operating on the ground as formal or informal traders - that must be listened to in order to form a true understanding of the impact trade regimes have on these individuals and their communities."



### [Effektiver Rechtsschutz im grenzüberschreitenden Handel durch private Schiedsgerichte : Eine theoretisch-empirische Untersuchung über Verfahrenseffektivität und Zugänglichkeit schiedsrechtlichen Rechtsschutzes am Beispiel kleiner und mittlerer Unternehmen](#)

Federico Parise Kuhnle, Nomos, 2015, 389 p.

"Das vorliegende Werk versucht anhand einer empirischen Studie Antworten auf die Zugänglichkeitsprobleme der internationalen Handelsschiedsgerichtsbarkeit zu liefern und etwas Licht auf ihr bislang wenig erforschtes Verhältnis zu KMU zu werfen."

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## Coming soon

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<p><b>Votes in INTA:</b></p> <p><b>16 June 2015:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual reports 2012-2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality</li> <li>- The possible extension of geographical indication protection of the European Union to non-agricultural products</li> </ul>	<p><b>Trade files in plenary:</b></p> <p><b>July 2015:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The external impact of EU trade and investment policy on public-private initiatives in countries outside the EU</li> <li>- Annual reports 2012-2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality</li> <li>- The possible extension of geographical indication protection of the European Union to non-agricultural products</li> </ul>
<p><b>INTA meeting dates</b></p> <p>13-14 July 2015 31 August 2015</p>	<p><b>Delegation to the CARIFORUM - EU Parliamentary Committee</b></p> <p>30 June 2015 - 1 July 2015 - Joint EU-Cariforum Parliamentary Committee - Guyana (tbc)</p>

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<p><b>Commission Work Program</b> <a href="#">Key documents</a></p> <p><b>Trade negotiations</b></p> <p><b>EU-China Investment Agreement: 6th round of negotiations</b> 02 – 04/06, Brussels , Belgium</p> <p><b>TiSA - Trade in Services Agreement</b> 06-10/07, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p><b>EU-Japan FTA negotiations: 11th round</b> 06-10/07, Tokyo, Japan, To be confirmed</p> <p><b>TTIP negotiation: 10th round</b> 13-17/07, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p><b>TiSA - Trade in Services Agreement</b> 05-09/10, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p><a href="#">More information</a></p> <p><b>EU Trade Council meetings</b></p> <p>22 June 2015 20 July 2015</p>	<p><b>WTO Events calendar 2015</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>23-25 June</td> <td>Trade Policy Review: Chile</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29 June - 1 July</td> <td>Trade Policy Review: New Zealand</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30 June - 2 July</td> <td>Fifth Global Review of Aid for Trade</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6-8 July</td> <td>Trade Policy Review: European Union (formerly EC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14-16 July</td> <td>Trade Policy Review: Madagascar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 July</td> <td>Dispute Settlement Body</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22-24 July</td> <td>Trade Policy Review: Dominican Republic</td> </tr> </table> <p><a href="#">WTO</a></p>	23-25 June	Trade Policy Review: Chile	29 June - 1 July	Trade Policy Review: New Zealand	30 June - 2 July	Fifth Global Review of Aid for Trade	6-8 July	Trade Policy Review: European Union (formerly EC)	14-16 July	Trade Policy Review: Madagascar	20 July	Dispute Settlement Body	22-24 July	Trade Policy Review: Dominican Republic
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