

**Question for written answer E-001696/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Opinion 2/15 delivered by the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) on 16 May 2017 and the legal implications for future trade agreements

Opinion 2/15 delivered by the CJEU on 16 May 2017 clarifies the competences of each party in new-generation free trade agreements. It will have a major impact on future trade agreements involving the European Union. The Commission could in future decide to split agreements of this kind in two: the key provisions would be incorporated into one agreement, and the remaining provisions on State/investor dispute settlement procedures and non-direct foreign investment would be set out in another.

Should this become the norm, what would the voting procedure in the Council be on the 'trade' and 'investment' sections of the agreement with Singapore?