

TRADE & CUSTOMS

[Summary report](#) for : **57th meeting** of the **Customs Code Committee Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature Section** - Luxembourg, 7 April 2011

Council Decision of **13 May 2011** establishing the **position** to be taken by the EU within the **General Council** of the **WTO** on the **accession** of the **Republic of Vanuatu** to the **WTO**

WTO Airbus Case – Appellate Body overturns **key findings** of the **Panel** in **favour** of the **EU** ([IP/11/584](#) – the [Findings & full Report](#))

[Wall Street Journal Europe 19.05.2011 p.19](#)
[Financial Times 19.05.2011 p.4](#)

EU FTA may cut tariff on imported vehicles

[EU Briefing 18-19.05.2011](#) ([bilaterals.org](#))

FTA talks between Vietnam, EU almost stalled

[EU Briefing 18-19.05.2011](#) ([bilaterals.org](#))

WTO - [Items proposed](#) for consideration at the **next meeting** of **Dispute Settlement Body** on **24 may 2011**

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

Commission asks **Spain** to **comply** with **EU rules** on **authorisations** for **motor vehicles** ([IP/11/611](#))

Commission requests **Greece** to **facilitate** the **selling** of **"bake off"** products ([IP/11/609](#))

Commission asks **Belgium** to **review** the **opening hours** of its **customs offices** and the **fees charged** for certain **operations** ([IP/11/608](#))

Commission requests **Belgium** to put an **end** to **discriminatory conditions** for **employment** in the **local public sector** ([IP/11/602](#))

The **Netherlands** agrees to apply **EU rules** for **land development projects** in **Ede** and for **public contracts** for **fire insurance** ([IP/11/600](#))

"Youth on the Move - Make it Happen" – extracts from President **Barroso's** **participation** in the **debate** ([Memo/11/314](#))

Commission acts to **ensure** that **European legislation** is **fully** and **properly implemented** ([Memo/11/312](#))

A **Single Market** for **consumers** - **How to make it a reality** in all **Member States** (*See Beuc Statement*)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

EU IPR Strategy "behind the times": BEUC leads calls for balanced copyright laws (*See Beuc [Statement](#)*)

FINANCIAL & TAXATION

[List](#) of **credit rating agencies** registered in accordance with **Regulation** (EC) No [1060/2009](#) of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** (CRA Regulation)

Commission requests **implementation** of latest **bank capital requirements rules** ([IP/11/612](#))

Commission requests **Belgium** to **amend discriminatory tax provisions** on **donations** of **shares** ([IP/11/607](#))

Commission requests **UK** to **further amend** its **treatment** of **controlled foreign corporations** (CFCs) ([IP/11/606](#))

Commission refers **Spain** to **Court** over **reduced VAT rate** for **medical equipment** ([IP/11/605](#))

Commission demands that **Italy** comply with the **provisions** of the **VAT Directive** on **exemptions** for **ships** ([IP/11/604](#))

Commission refers **France** to **Court** over **tax discrimination** against **foreign pension** and investment funds ([IP/11/603](#))

EU faces **struggle** in **corporate tax plan**
[Financial Times 19.05.2011](#)

ENERGY

Energy: Commission asks **Portugal** to **change** its **end-user price regulation scheme** to **ensure freedom of choice** and **protection** for **consumers** ([IP/11/590](#))

ENVIRONMENT

[Speech](#) by **Janez Potočnik**: « **Reaching** for **resource efficiency** and **innovation** in the **chemicals sector** »

Commission urges **Italy** to **comply** with **EU law** on **urban waste water** ([IP/11/599](#))

Commission takes **France** to **Court** over **failure** to **comply** with **EU air quality rules** ([IP/11/596](#))

Commission asks **6 Member States** to **comply** with **EU waste framework directive** ([IP/11/595](#))

Commission urges **Latvia** to **comply** with **EU law** on **mining waste** ([IP/11/594](#))

Commission takes **Ireland** to **Court** over **missing industrial permits** ([IP/11/593](#))

Commission takes **Ireland** back to **Court** over **septic tanks** and asks for a **fine** ([IP/11/592](#))

Commission takes **Czech Republic** to **Court** over **failure** to update **biocides legislation** ([IP/11/591](#))

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

[Agenda](#) of the **Meeting** of the **Standing Committee on Plant Health (SCPH)** of **24-25 May 2011**

Animal health: EU vet team to assist **South Africa** following **outbreak** of **highly pathogenic avian influenza** ([IP/11/614](#))

Commission requests **France** to align **safety standards** of **hoods** for **protection** of **fire-fighters** ([IP/11/610](#))

Commission urges **Cyprus** to **transpose** the **amendment** to the **fruit juice directive** ([IP/11/597](#))

Animal Health: Commission takes **France** to **Court** for **not complying** with **EU line** on **scrapie control** ([IP/11/601](#))

Safety instructions for **household chemicals** rarely **followed**, **ECHA survey** finds (See ECHA [press release](#) and the [Report](#))

EU Scientific Committee to assess **cosmetic ingredients** (See [suytrimonium chloride](#) and [kojic acid](#))

EuroChambres - [Impact assessment](#)
Consumer Rights Directive

TELECOMS & MEDIAS

Better choice & more competitive prices for **German broadband customers** thanks to **EU action** ([IP/11/598](#))

TRANSPORT

Council Decision of **12 May 2011** on the **conclusion** of the **Agreement** between the **EU** and the **Government** of the **Socialist Republic of Vietnam** on **certain aspects** of **air services**

Road infrastructure safety: Commission requests **action** from **11 Member States** ([IP/11/587](#))

Air transport: Commission launches infringement procedure against Romania over agreement with Russia on equal treatment of EU airlines ([IP/11/586](#))

Commission asks 9 Member States to implement the directive aimed at improving safety of European railways ([IP/11/616](#))

Airport services: infringement proceeding against Portugal ([IP/11/588](#))

JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS

European Commission ensures better protection of crime victims ([IP/11/585](#), [FAQ: Memo/11/310](#), & [Speech](#) by Viviane Reding)

[Speech](#) by Viviane Reding: **The reform of the EU Data Protection Directive: the impact on businesses**

Apple and Android phones face tighter laws in Europe
[Financial Times 19.05.2011](#)

€URO & ECONOMY

[Speech](#) by Olli Rehn: « We need to address the shortcomings of the international monetary system »

EU and EFSF funding plans to provide financial assistance for Portugal and Ireland ([Memo/11/313](#))

It is Germany that should leave the euro-zone
[Financial Times 19.05.2011 p.10](#)

Vienna could be stop on route to Greek recovery
[Wall Street Journal Europe 19.05.2011 p.4](#)

FUTURE OF EUROPE

[Speech](#) by President Barroso: **"European Leadership – maximising our strengths for a new world order"**

[Speech](#) by Commissioner Andor: **"Transforming Ageing Economies - Opportunities and policy options for prosperous societies"**

ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

[Speech](#) by Stephan Füle: **"Turkey: Building bridges for prosperity"**

Working together in crises and disasters: Commissioner Georgieva discusses disaster prevention and response with Russia's emergency Minister Shoigu ([IP/11/615](#))