

# Chapter: Customs Union

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## Screening

### International Customs Co-operation

- Customs Unions
- International Conventions
- International Cooperation Agreements
- Other EU Agreements with customs aspects

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## Customs Unions

### **ANDORRA**

90/680/CEE: Council Decision, of 26 November 1990, concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on customs cooperation in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Principality of Andorra (OJL 374 of 31/12/1990 p. 0013)

### **TURKEY**

Decision No 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council of 22 December 1995 on implementing the final phase of the Customs Union (OJ L 035 13.02.1996 p. 1)

### **SAN MARINO**

2002/245/EC: Council Decision of 28 February 2002 on the conclusion of an agreement on co-operation and customs union between the European Economic Community and the Republic of San Marino and of the Protocol thereto following the enlargement which took effect on 1 January 1995 (OJ L 084 du 28/03/2002 p. 0041)

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## Customs Unions

### Scope:

- same commercial policy towards third countries (+ approx. of legislation in other areas)
- abolition of duties within the customs union

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## Customs Unions

### Alignment implications:

- Acceding country – automatic extension of Customs Union (transitional measures, acceptance of documents)
- Partner country – AND and S MAR none, Turkey: Protocol on extension

## International Conventions

- Revised “Kyoto” Convention
- Harmonised System Convention
- Istanbul Convention
- TIR Convention
- Others

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## International Conventions

### Alignment implications:

- Conventions to be ratified and transposed into national legislation by candidate country

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## EC Customs co-operation agreements

### Countries:

- Canada
- Korea
- United States (2)
- Hong-Kong
- India
- China

### Scope:

- customs co-operation
- mutual assistance

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## EC Customs co-operation agreements

### Alignment implications:

- Automatically in force upon accession (EC)
- Supersede national agreements (1<sup>st</sup> pillar)  
with the same country



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## National Customs co-operation agreements

### Alignment implications:

- With EU Member States: replaced by EUCC and Regul. 515/97
- With third countries: to be examined

## Other Customs Agreements

- Customs co-operation with Norway
- Simplification of formalities with Switzerland
- Other Agreements with Mutual Assistance aspects (->OLAF)

Automatically in force upon accession (EC)

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