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International Customs Co-operation

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Customs Unions

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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
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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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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
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International Conventions

- Revised “Kyoto” Convention
- Harmonised System Convention
- Istanbul Convention
- TIR Convention
- Others
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
EC Customs co-operation agreements

Alignment implications:

• Automatically in force upon accession (EC)
• Supersede national agreements (1st pillar) with the same country
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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