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## LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the EU-Republic of Moldova Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a decision concerning the mutual recognition of the authorised economic operator programme of the Republic of Moldova and the authorised economic operator programme of the Union

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/...**

**of ...**

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union  
within the EU-Republic of Moldova Customs Sub-Committee  
established by the Association Agreement between the European Union  
and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part,  
and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part,  
as regards the adoption of a decision concerning the mutual recognition  
of the authorised economic operator programme of the Republic of Moldova  
and the authorised economic operator programme of the Union**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part<sup>1</sup> ('the Agreement') was signed on 27 June 2014 and entered into force on 1 July 2016.
- (2) In Article 192 of the Agreement, the Parties agreed to reinforce cooperation in the area of customs and trade facilitation.
- (3) The Customs Sub-Committee established pursuant to Article 200 of the Agreement is empowered to take the measures necessary for customs cooperation.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 200(3), point (b), of the Agreement, the Customs Sub-Committee is empowered to adopt decisions on mutual recognition of customs controls and trade partnership programmes, and mutually agreed benefits.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 260, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

- (5) The Customs Sub-Committee, during its eighth meeting in 2022, or by written procedure if the Parties so agree within the context of that meeting, is to adopt a decision concerning the mutual recognition of the authorised economic operator (AEO) programme of Republic of Moldova and the AEO programme of the Union.
- (6) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Customs Sub-Committee, as the decision on mutual recognition of the AEO programmes will be binding on the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the eighth meeting of the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, or by written procedure if the Parties so agree within the context of that meeting, as regards the mutual recognition of the authorised economic operator programme of the Republic of Moldova and the authorised economic operator programme of the Union shall be based on the draft decision of the Customs Sub-Committee attached to this Decision.

### *Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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