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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Customs established under the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore, as regards the amendment of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of “originating products” and methods of administrative cooperation - Adoption

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**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate.

The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.