



Council of the  
European Union

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## **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Belarus for an agreement on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/...**

**of ...**

**authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Belarus  
for an agreement on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(3) and the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas the Commission should be authorised to open negotiations with the Republic of Belarus with a view to an agreement on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations, on behalf of the European Union, with the Republic of Belarus for an agreement on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance.

*Article 2*

The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum to this Decision.

*Article 3*

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Working Party on Customs Union.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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