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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Special Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Special Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/...

of ...

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union
within the Special Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation
established by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union
and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part,
as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Special Committee
on Customs and Trade Facilitation**

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 Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part¹ ('the Agreement') was signed by the Union and its Member States on 10 June 2016. It is provisionally applied between the Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Eswatini and South Africa, of the other part, from 10 October 2016, and between the Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mozambique, of the other part, from 4 February 2018.
- (2) The Special Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation was established by Article 50(1) of the Agreement.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 50(2), point (f), of the Agreement, the Special Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation is to determine its own rules of procedure.
- (4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Special Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation, as the decision on the adoption of its rules of procedure will have legal effects on the Union.
- (5) The position of the Union within the Special Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure should be based on the draft Decision of that committee attached to this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 250, 16.9.2016, p. 3.

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Special Committee on Customs and Trade Facilitation, established by Article 50 of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure shall be based on the draft Decision of that 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
