

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CANADA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION
ON CUSTOMS COOPERATION
WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS
RELATED TO SUPPLY-CHAIN SECURITY

CANADA and THE EUROPEAN UNION, (the “Contracting Parties”),

RECOGNIZING the need to increase end-to-end supply-chain security for Canada and the European Union and at the same time facilitate legitimate trade;

ACKNOWLEDGING the long-standing, close and productive relations between the Customs Authorities of Canada and of the European Union;

RECOGNIZING that these relations can be improved by closer cooperation on container security and other matters related to supply-chain security based, to the greatest extent practicable, on mutual recognition of risk management techniques, risk standards, security controls and trade partnership programmes;

AIMING to provide a framework to explore future cooperative means to enhance supply-chain security practices that would increase customs related efficiencies to ensure end-to-end supply-chain security and to facilitate legitimate trade for the benefit of their respective trade communities;

AIMING to develop a strategy that allows Canada and the European Union to cooperate in the area of cargo inspection;

BUILDING upon the core elements of the World Customs Organization’s SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade;

REFERRING to the Agreement between Canada and the European Community on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters, which entered into force on 1 January 1998 (the “CMAA”), and desiring to expand the scope of that Agreement by means of an agreement on a specific matter, in accordance with Article 23 of the CMAA;