

**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;