

International Trade, Corey Norton, Chair

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EU Customs Compliance

On 13 July 2016, the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) Committee of the EU Parliament voted the adoption of a draft report with amendments to the proposed Directive on the legal framework of EU customs infringements and sanctions. On 22 November 2016, this long-awaited report will be presented at the plenary session of the EU Parliament. The *Rapporteur* of this report before the IMCO Committee, Ms. Kaja Kallas, recalled that this topic is “*politically sensitive*” for certain EU Member States, but it is extremely important for the proper working of the EU customs system. The proposed directive will ensure the correct and uniform application of customs legislation through common enforcement and compliance. The European Commission appears to be open to amendments of its proposed directive at the condition that the sanctioning system be efficient and not burdensome for the economic operators across the EU.