

ECJ Opinion - Singapore Free Trade Agreement and Brexit implications

A bilateral free trade agreement between the EU and the Republic of Singapore is significant in determining which provisions require approval in an UK-EU deal brokered in the context of Brexit.

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In brief

On 16 May 2017, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) handed down its Opinion on questions of the process for concluding a bilateral free trade agreement between the EU and the Republic of Singapore (the Agreement).

The Opinion offers insight into what the European Union may agree with third party States exclusively, without the unanimous backing of Member States. The Opinion is particularly important as it will determine which provisions will require approval and subsequent ratification from all remaining EU Member States in any UK-EU deal brokered in the context of Brexit.

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