Meeting Report

CETA implementation - forward planning

30 November 2017, Brussels

Participants:

EU: (DG TRADE) (Art. 4.1(b))

Canada: (CETA Secretariat), (Art. 4.1(b))
(Canadian delegation to the EU) (Art. 4.1(a) 3’ and Art. 4.3)

It was a constructive first meeting focused on CETA implementation and work ahead as regards institutional structure of CETA, its Rules of Procedure (RoP) and setting up a planning for different committee meetings.

To begin with, both sides have briefly explained their respective approaches on RoP for their FTAs. In view of the fact that there are more than 20 institutional structures set up under CETA,

EU explained that in will need to be empowered by the Council Decision in order to adopt the Rules of Procedure in the CETA Joint Committee meeting in September 2018, and had explained the necessary timeline and procedural steps needed for this to happen.

As regards contact points and co-chairs the work was ongoing on both sides in order to identify the contact points and co-chairs for specialised committees and dialogues. Both sides agreed to exchange their respective lists as soon as they are ready.

Both sides have also exchanged very indicative dates for different committee and dialogue meetings and agreed to encourage contacts between co-chairs with a view to establish meeting schedules and agenda’s.