

Report of the First Round of EU-India FTA Negotiations

27 June – 1 July 2022, New Delhi

The first round of EU-India FTA negotiations took place in New Delhi between 27 June and 1 July 2022, with parallel negotiations taking place on investment protection and geographical indications (GIs). The round took place in a very good and constructive atmosphere, and covered the 18 text proposals tabled by the EU.

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The main thrust of the round can be summarised as follows:

- India accepted to discuss all 18 chapters proposed by the EU, and the talks took place on the basis of the EU-proposed texts – with the exception of trade remedies, for which India shared an alternative text just prior to the round. However, India announced the submission of alternative language across EU texts, including full alternative chapters in certain areas **Art.4(3) 1st subparagraph**.

- **Art.4(1)(a) 3rd indent, Art.4(3) 1st subparagraph**

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Regarding the next steps, the two sides agreed to hold a second round of negotiations in Brussels in the week of 26-30 September 2022.

[Pages 2-4 and beginning of page 5 (until point 8):]

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8) Digital Trade (1day):

The EU side presented its proposal in detail and explained the rationale of each provision, with the Indian side commenting on each of them. The Indian side welcomed the overall EU text and did not reject any article ex-ante

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The Indian side shares the EU's approach for data protection (the PDP Bill takes inspiration from the GDPR)

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On the Indian side's request, the Commission (CNECT) presented its recent legislation – DMA, DSA.

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