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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/…

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authorising the opening of negotiations with the United States of America for an agreement on conformity assessment

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an agreement on conformity assessment with the United States of America (United States),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the United States for an agreement on conformity assessment.

2. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum to this Decision.

Article 2

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Trade Policy Committee as provided for in the third subparagraph of Article 207(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President