
CETA CRAWLS BACK TO LIFE, NEGOTIATES GERMAN COURT AND PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE

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The European Unions trade deal with Canada (CETA) has negotiated a few more obstacles after it overcame an appeal made in Germany and the European Parliaments environment committee. EurActiv Germany reports.

Germanys Constitutional Court has thrown out a number of appeals brought against CETA after activists claimed that the government had not met the Courts October requirements before ratifying the deal.

The Karlsruhe-based court had given the deal the green light in October but it came with a number of provisos.

CETA aims to reduce not only trade and investment barriers but also claims to respect European standards on labour, health and environmental law.

FUTURE OF EU TRADE DEALS IN DOUBT AFTER SINGAPORE RULING

A decision regarding the European Unions trade deal with Singapore could have far-reaching implications for future agreements, after the EUs top lawyer said the European Commission could not finalise the deal without member state approval.

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The Courts requirements included the need for assurances on democratic accountability and that any areas not falling within the competence of the EU be fully excluded from the deal.

With the decision published today the Second Senate of the Constitutional Court has established that the German government has implemented the requirements set by the Court before endorsing the agreements on the signing and initial implementation of CETA, said the Court.

Meanwhile, CETA also negotiated what could have been a tricky obstacle in the form of the European Parliaments Environment Committee (ENVI).

ENVI ultimately supported the deal with a majority, as 40 MEPs voted in favour and 24 against.

'TTIP MAY COME BACK FROM THE DEAD,' WARNS EXPERT

Opposition to the EUs transatlantic trade deals is alive and well. According to activists, TTIP is far

from dead and CETA can still be stopped. EurActiv France reports.

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It was initially thought that CETA would be dealt another blow, following Wallonias much-reported stance against the agreement, but some last minute amendments assuaged existing concerns about the precautionary principle.

The Parliament is expected to decide in February whether the agreement will enter into force provisionally. After that, the national parliaments of the 28 member states will also have to give their consent.

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