



EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

Austrian Federal Chamber Organisation (WKO)
HOW and WHAT do we contribute?

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WKO - How do/did we contribute to CETA ?

Chronological Overview on CETA

- Nov. 08 EU-Canada Summit: Joint Statement: deep and comprehensive trade agreement
- end 08-09 „scoping exercise“
- Feb. 09 presentation of Joint Scoping Report
- June 09 start of negotiations
- Aug. 14 end of negotiations at technical level
- Sept. 14 common draft text presented to public*
- „legal scrubbing“, translation into 24 official EU languages, conclusion in EU-Council, consent of EP; probably ratification by national parliaments of 28 MS.

* http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2014/september/tradoc_152806.pdf

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Chronological Overview: WKO-Activities on CETA

- Dez. 08 WKO informs all sectors & regional chambers, call for „offensive“+„defensive“ econ. interests
- April 09 WKO offers more information + call for input on EU negotiating positions („mandate“)
- May 09 EC asks stakeholders: public questionnaire*
- June 09 WKO informs publicly on CETA (awo-newsletter „aw-weekly“), call for input on Austrian econ. interests as well as possible Can. market access barriers to become part of CETA-negotiations.

* http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2009/may/tradoc_143108.pdf

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- June 11 EC presents Sustainability Impact Assessment**, WKO informs about it,
- 1208-09 WKO presents preliminary results (without political „stepping stones“) to Trade Commission/Toronto, to regional chambers and WKO sectoral organisations; call for input
- Sept.09 Written coordinated **WKO-positions** sent to
July 10 Ministries, social partners and to economic
end 11-12 organisations/Bxl; General line:
end 12 **In favour of ambitious, comprehensive CETA!**
Sept.14

** http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2011/september/tradoc_148201.pdf

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Several coordinated WKO positions on CETA, which were regularly presented on Austrian and European level on

- problems, additional costs, delays resulting from diverse (regulatory, procurement...) legislation in different Can. provinces
- improved market access for goods: tariffs; non-tariff trade barriers in sectors, where regulatory coop. should be enforced for various Austrian industries like food, automobile, machinery, biomass boilers, pharma, medical devices;
- services and investment: positive/negative list, temporary entry/industrial services, investment protection...
- non-discriminatory participation in Can. public procurement
- rules of origin, intellectual property rights, GIs: „Tiroler Speck“...

WKO - How do/did we contribute to CETA ?

- Throughout the CETA negotiating process: constant intra-WKO coordination process between WKO Trade Policy Department, Trade Commission/Toronto, sectoral organisations (FV, FO), regional chambers (LK)
- WKO-contributions and positions presented on national and European level, regular meetings with Austrian administration and social partners
- ***Austrian exporters´ and importers´ feedback is needed*** on how trade relations in general and the ***future implementation of CETA*** will work in practice!
- ***Talk to your WKO service experts in Trade Commission (AC Toronto), in regional chamber (Landeskammer) and in your sectoral organisations (Fachorganisationen)!***