

# Dentons lawyers shed light on Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union

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Two Dentons professionals, highly-experienced international trade lawyers - Xavier Van Overmeire from Montréal and Nadiya Nychay from Brussels - have co-authored a book entitled *The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the EU: An Overview*; one of the only publications to examine the various aspects of the agreement and its impact.

The *Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement* (CETA) removes 99% of customs duties between the European Union (EU) and Canada to boost trade, strengthen economic ties and create new jobs. Lawyers advising affected businesses, including those from key areas such as the automotive, agriculture and pharmaceutical sectors, must have a thorough understanding of the agreement as well as the ramifications it could have once implemented.

The new publication is an easy-to-understand overview of the key changes that the CETA will introduce. Each chapter is dedicated to a specific topic or industry and includes a brief summary of the subject followed by a review of its status prior to the implementation of the CETA.

Xavier Van Overmeire is the Regional Head of the International Trade practice at Dentons in Canada and Fellow of the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de Montréal. Xavier advises clients in determining and implementing strategies for the production, distribution or sale of their products or services in foreign markets.

"If you have clients who trade with a European country or you work at a company trading with EU nations, you need to know how the CETA will change the landscape," said Xavier. "The CETA between Canada and the EU is arguably the most ambitious free trade agreement that Canada has negotiated since the *North American Free Trade Agreement* (NAFTA). Within this publication, we examine the potential implications of the agreement."

In her practice, Nadiya Nychay specializes in international trade law, dispute resolution and regulatory matters. She draws on more than 15 years of experience at leading international law firms and as a legal officer at the World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat.

"The CETA will create new trade opportunities for EU businesses and is expected to increase Europe's GDP by up to €12 billion," said Nadiya. "To help lawyers in advising their clients on these opportunities, our book offers readers a concise analysis of the CETA and explains how the landscape will change in key sectors affected by the agreement."

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