

MEDIA REPORT

GALA DINNER EVENT FOR EUSFTA'S ENTRY INTO FORCE ON NOV 21

Commissioner Phil Hogan, EU Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development & Commissioner-Designate for Trade in Singapore



SUMMARY

Key Events

- **Gala dinner announcing EUSFTA entry into force on 21 November 2019. Guests of Honour: Commissioner Hogan and Singapore's Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations Mr S. Iswaran**
- **Meetings with key Singapore leaders including Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong**

The EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development and Commissioner-designate for Trade, Phil Hogan, was in Singapore on November 8th for several key bilateral meetings as well as to announce the much-anticipated entry into force of the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA).

The EUSFTA enters into force on 21st November 2019. This date was unveiled by Minister Iswaran and Commissioner Hogan at an elegant evening gala dinner celebration attended by over 250 distinguished guests. The dinner featured keynote speeches by Minister Iswaran and Commissioner Hogan and a fire-side chat with both, moderated by Vikram Khanna, Associate Editor of The Straits Times.

In his comments to media, Mr Iswaran said, "The strong support for the agreement at the Council reflects the EU and its Member States' continued interest and commitment to deepen economic relations with Singapore and companies based here."

As the first FTA between the EU and an ASEAN country, "the EUSFTA will further strengthen trade and investment links between our regions," Minister Iswaran added. The EU-SG commitment to enhance the long-standing and robust relationship through free and open trade was also echoed by Commissioner Hogan.

"I am happy to be here in Singapore to mark the historic adoption of the EU-Singapore FTA," Commissioner Hogan told media. "This agreement," he said, "will enhance our bilateral relationship, boost the EU's commitment to ASEAN, and is a sign of support for the rules based international order." He welcomed also the protection of Geographical Indications – iconic food and drink names which represent rural intellectual property – in the agreement.

Coverage for this visit and the dinner event was maximised through a targeted media pitch led by the EU Delegation Press team. This included two exclusive media interviews – one with Singapore's leading daily newspaper, The Straits Times, published today (13th November 2019), and the second with leading television network Channel NewsAsia (to be aired on 15th November 2019). It was covered in both Singapore and international media platforms and networks. #EUSFTA was a trending topic on social media on 8th November.

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Commissioner Hogan was received by Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Chan Chun Sing and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, Mr S Iswaran at the various ministries before the gala dinner.



KEY MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS: EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS

Commissioner Hogan did two exclusive one-on-one media interviews. The first with Vikram Khanna, Associate Editor of The Straits Times - in which Commissioner addressed several hot-button EU and trade issues ranging from Brexit, ties with the US as well as EU's evolving relationship - appeared in the Opinion section of the leading daily on 13 November 2019: <https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/the-eus-next-trade-czar>
The second one with television network Channel NewsAsia airs on 15 November.

Economic Affairs

The EU's next trade czar

From fixing the WTO to trade ties with the US and negotiations over Brexit, Phil Hogan has his work cut out when he takes over as EU Trade Commissioner in December



Vikram Khanna
Associate Editor

Fix the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Repair relations with the United States. Build a fair trading relationship with China. Work towards a trade agreement with Asean as well as the African continent. Deal with Brexit, if it happens, and then negotiate a post-Brexit deal with the United Kingdom. Ensure that the demanding provisions of the 43 trade agreements that the world's largest trading bloc, the European Union, has in place are actually enforced.

That's a partial to-do list, as of now, for the EU's next trade czar Phil Hogan, who takes up his post as Trade Commissioner on Dec 1.

"I think I will have enough to do," he says, in an interview at the EU Ambassador's residence in Singapore last week.

A gentle giant of a man at more than two metres tall, 59-year-old Mr Hogan, a one-time farmer and currently EU's Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, has been an Irish politician since the age of 22.

Soft-spoken, with an informal demeanour, he was once described by Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar as "a skilled negotiator who builds alliances."

Hard and fair" is how the EU Commission's president-elect Ursula von der Leyen characterises his negotiating style.

Mr Hogan appears to have mastered this new brief already, elaborating on issue after issue that he will need to grapple with over the five years of his term.

RESCUING THE WTO

An especially urgent problem with the WTO relates to its dispute settlement process. The WTO's appellate body, which hears appeals against decisions taken by panels in trade disputes, is under threat. The body normally has seven independent judges of which three are needed to decide on cases. The current appellate body is down to its last three members, because the US has been blocking the appointment of new judges since 2017.

On Dec 10, two of the three will complete their terms, which means the WTO's dispute settlement

process will be paralysed - unless the US agrees to the appointment of new judges, or proposes an alternative.

"We hope the appellate body will survive," says Mr Hogan. "We've been waiting for proposals from the United States on how they expect the process to work in the future, and we're still waiting. Hopefully, by the middle of December, these issues will come to a head in terms of appointing judges to the appellate body and hopefully we will hear from the US."

The definition of "developing countries" in the WTO is also problematic, according to Mr Hogan. Countries that are classified as "developing" get special trade privileges such as being allowed to maintain higher levels of tariffs.

"Many member countries of the WTO have come a long way since they originally became members, so we need an evidence-based approach to categorising them. The definition of development has to be based on need," he says.

DEALING WITH CHINA, AND A US-EU RESET

When it comes to dealing with China on trade issues, Mr Hogan says the EU broadly shares the US' views on the need for a more level playing field, as well as on a variety of China's unfair trade practices.

"But while we share the same objectives, we don't agree with the US strategy or tactics. We much prefer to concentrate on cooperation and dialogue rather than confrontation. That's how we're different. So we're calling on the United States to work together with us to achieve our common objectives."

However, what of the view often put across by US trade negotiators that they have repeatedly tried cooperation and dialogue with China, and it doesn't work when it comes to trade issues?

"But they haven't tried working with the EU," says Mr Hogan. "We've asked them on many occasions in the last year to do so, and to date, we have not received a response."

Meanwhile, the EU is going it alone, negotiating an investment



Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar has said Mr Phil Hogan (above) is "a skilled negotiator who builds alliances". EU Commission president-elect Ursula von der Leyen calls his negotiating style "hard and fair". ST PHOTO: KELVIN CHING

agreement with China, which Mr Hogan hopes to conclude by the end of next year.

In September, the US Ambassador to the EU, Mr Gordon Sondland, said that the United States wants to "reset" its relationship with the EU.

Mr Hogan welcomes this development. "The partnership that the US and EU have always shared has broken down in recent years, and I don't think the EU was responsible for this," he says. "So it's wonderful to hear those positive sentiments at last from the US. And I do see them as positive, because a desire to reset a relationship is an acceptance of the fact that what we've been doing up to now hasn't been working well."

IMPORTANT MILESTONE

Turning to the EU's relationship with Asia, Mr Hogan views the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement - which will take effect on Nov 21 - as an important milestone. Singapore is "a key strategic partner in Asean," he points out.

Apart from the fact that the EU does more than €100 billion (\$815 billion) worth of trade with Singapore (comparable to the EU's trade with much larger countries such as Australia and Mexico), is the biggest foreign investor in Singapore and has more than

10,000 companies here, it views Singapore as "an important political interlocutor" in developing its relationship with South-east Asia.

The EU's end goal is to have a free trade agreement with Asean. The two started negotiations on such an agreement in 1997, but then shelved the idea two years later. "We'd like a high-standard agreement," says Mr Hogan, "but not every country in Asean shares this objective at present. So we're now engaged in bilateral negotiations with a number of countries. We've had success with Singapore and Vietnam, we're making progress with Indonesia and having discussions with Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. We hope we will achieve our eventual goal of a region-to-region free trade agreement."

A big part of the reason why the EU has not been able to make much headway in pursuing a deal with Asean is that some countries are not ready to sign up to the EU's sustainability agenda, which requires countries to adopt minimum standards on such issues as labour rights and environmental policies.

While some of these are not strictly trade issues, the EU seeks to use its trade leverage to promote them. "You will not get approval for

a free trade agreement in the European Parliament without an ambitious sustainability chapter," says Mr Hogan. The EU also plans to appoint a "chief enforcement officer" to ensure that its trade partners comply with their obligations.

NAVIGATING BREXIT AND AFTER

A looming challenge for the EU in the near future will be dealing with Brexit - which, if it occurs, will happen on Mr Hogan's watch. "I hope I won't get blamed for it," he quips.

Depending on the results of Britain's upcoming general election, several scenarios are possible, including Brexit on the terms agreed between the EU and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Brexit at different terms, or a second referendum.

"We already have a deal with the UK, and that's our preferred option," says Mr Hogan. "On Dec 12, the people of the UK will have an opportunity to decide which direction they wish to go. If they elect Boris Johnson, the deal that's on the table will be implemented. If they elect the opposition, there may be another referendum. Those are the two options."

Assuming the existing deal is implemented and Brexit takes place, then the negotiations will begin on a free trade agreement

between Britain and the EU, in which Mr Hogan will play a lead role.

"We will try to have a relationship with the UK as close as possible to what we have today," he says. "That is, tariff-free trade which is as frictionless as possible."

Both sides have a vested interest in such an outcome, he points out. The EU is the UK's largest market, accounting for 45 per cent of its exports, while the EU exports more than €400 billion worth of goods and services to the UK.

"The key will be to have a level playing field - on working standards, environmental issues, food standards, competition laws and state aid - so that we can compete fairly and at the same time reduce barriers to trade," says Mr Hogan.

Mr Hogan does not believe that such a favourable deal would tempt other EU members to follow the UK's example and try to exit the EU. "There would be no good news for any country that wants to leave the single market," he says. "For the UK, all of the studies that have been reported, including from its own office of budget responsibility, indicate clearly the negative consequences of leaving the EU. So countries will not be better off outside the single market than inside."

In the short term, he acknowledges that the UK might get some benefits because of pent-up investments that have been on hold because of the chaos arising from the Brexit referendum. But in the medium and long term, the UK will lose competitiveness, he says. "Already you see manufacturing and financial services are moving, because they want to be part of the EU single market, where they see 500 million customers and the frictionless trade that we enjoy."

The Brexiters, who believe Britain will be better off after leaving the EU, "are deluded about the future," says Mr Hogan. "They have come to conclusions on the basis of false assumptions. Successive trade secretaries from the UK have made pronouncements that they are going to get good trade deals around the world, which would unshackle them from the EU."

"But in trade, size matters," he says, adding that trade negotiators from the UK will quickly find out that having 500 million consumers confers much more clout in negotiating trade deals, compared with the 70 million consumers that the UK has.

"They'll find it very difficult to get deals like we've achieved in the EU for 28 member states - 43 deals, covering 72 countries. So they will lose many of the competitive advantages they have gained by being members of the EU."

Brexit was "a regrettable decision," he says. "But we have to deal with it now."

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KEY MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS: LOCAL COVERAGE

The announcement received exhaustive coverage in Singapore media. The story appeared in multiple print and online publications including in the leading daily, The Straits Times; key business daily, The Business Times; television, digital and radio networks run by media group MediaCorp as well as in language publications such as Chinese daily Lianhe Zaobao. Here are some highlights:

THE STRAITS TIMES

EU Council approves EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement which will take effect on Nov 21



Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations S. Iswaran (right) announced the FTA with EU trade commissioner-designate Phil Hogan at a gala dinner on Nov 8, 2019. PHOTO: MINISTRY OF TRADE & INDUSTRY

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SINGAPORE - The Council of the European Union (EU) has approved the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which will remove nearly all customs duties between the two jurisdictions from Nov 21.

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Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations S. Iswaran made the announcement with EU Trade Commissioner-designate Phil Hogan at a gala dinner last night.

Mr Iswaran said the FTA marks a watershed moment in the relationship between them. It is the first such agreement between the EU, the world's largest single market, and an Asian member state.

He also said it will be a step towards a larger relationship between the EU and ASEAN, which is expected to be the world's fourth-largest market by 2030.

"This is an excellent opportunity for companies on both sides, in the EU and in Singapore, and in par-

ticular for our small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)," he said. Singapore will continue to ensure its SMEs can benefit from FTAs.

He noted Enterprise Singapore's setting up of a website with a tariff calculator for SMEs to find out their preferential margins for particular products or markets based on Singapore's 24 existing FTAs.

The FTA will allow 84 per cent of Singapore exports, including food products and electronics, to enter the EU duty-free, with the rest to fol-

low in the next three to five years.

It also contains strong rules on trade and sustainable development, including the protection of labour rights and the environment, Mr Iswaran said. "Under the agreement, the EU and Singapore will remove obstacles to trade and investment in green technologies, as well as foster green public tendering and create new opportunities in environmental services."

"These forward-looking provisions recognise the increasing need

for trade to contribute positively towards the fight against climate change and reaffirm our commitment to the Paris Agreement."

Mr Hogan said a "European Green Deal" will be a priority for the next European Commission - the executive arm of the EU - which will take office next month.

"Singapore will be able to tap into the initiatives that will be proposed to 'green' business activities across the EU. There will be a lot of money invested in new initiatives and op-

portunities for environmental services, businesses and software industries that Singapore will be able to take advantage of," he said.

The Singapore Business Federation welcomed the FTA, saying it bears testament to both parties' belief in free and open trade.

"More notably, (it) marks the first bilateral FTA where Asian food products made in Singapore can enter the EU tariff-free," it added.

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KEY MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS: LOCAL COVERAGE

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EUSFTA approved, targeted to come into force on Nov 21

by JANICE HENG

NOV 8, 2019 08:40 PM

THE European Union-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA) has received final approval from the Council of the European Union, with the aim being for it to enter into force on Nov 21, 2019, Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations S Iswaran and European Commissioner-Designate for Trade Phil Hogan jointly announced at the EUSFTA Gala Dinner at the Grand Hyatt last night.

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THE European Union-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA) has received approval from the Council of the European Union, Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations S Iswaran and European Commissioner-Designate for Trade Phil Hogan announced at the EUSFTA Gala Dinner in Singapore on Friday night.

The Council adopted the decision to conclude the EUSFTA in Brussels on Friday, marking the final stage in the EU's internal approval process.

"Of course, then the work starts of making sure we implement the agreement," said Mr Hogan at a media do-or-stop. Both sides will work to complete remaining administrative processes, with a view to enable the EUSFTA to enter into force on Nov 21, 2019.

This is the culmination of a nearly decade-long journey, with negotiations beginning in December 2009 and concluding in October 2014.

Upon its entry into force, tariffs will be eliminated for all EU products entering Singapore, and 84 per cent of all Singapore exports to the EU.

Tariffs on the remaining 16 per cent - including selected meat and seafood products, fruits, textiles, and consumer goods - will be removed in the next three to five years.

Singapore firms will have improved market access to a wider range of EU services sectors, from professional services to tourism.

They will also get enhanced access to EU city-level and municipal-level public procurement opportunities, including computer, telecommunication, and landscape architecture services.

Unnecessary technical barriers to trade will be removed in areas such as duplicative testing and certification for electronics, motor vehicles and vehicle parts, and pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

The EUSFTA also fosters green public tenders. Green technology, extending to green financing and procurement, is one area with "scope to do more", Mr Iswaran told the media.

"This is one of the areas where we will then have to follow up after this agreement to see how we can bring the businesses closer together, and if necessary also some of the financial institutions, in order to take this forward," he said.

Mr Hogan noted that one of the priorities for the next European Commission, which will start on Dec 1, is a "European Green Deal".

Singapore can now tap opportunities arising from the proposed initiatives in areas such as environmental services, business equipment, and software, he added.

In a speech at the dinner, Mr Iswaran noted that the EUSFTA arose from a vision of a larger, region-to-region deal, serving as a "pathfinder" for FTAs between the EU and other Asian markets, as an alternative pathway to an eventual EU-Asian pact.

The EU has already concluded negotiations on an FTA with Vietnam, is in the midst of negotiations with Indonesia, and may soon resume discussions with Thailand, he added.

As for the EU and Singapore, both sides will continue to look for ways to take our partnership forward, both on the bilateral front and at multilateral forums, including working on the World Trade Organisation joint statement initiative on e-commerce.

Mr Iswaran noted that in 2009, when negotiations began, many countries were emerging from the global financial crisis and saw the need to keep markets open for recovery.

The strategic vision that led to the creation of the EUSFTA remains as important and relevant today as it was then, in the face of rising protectionism, anti-globalisation, and trade tensions, he said.

The EUSFTA's entry into force "is a strong and necessary signal by two like-minded partners on the need to continue upholding open and rules-based trade".

Singapore Business Federation (SBF) chief executive officer Ho Meng Kit hoped that Singapore-based firms will make full use of the EUSFTA to gain competitive advantage for their goods and services.

SBF has been holding outreach events to raise awareness of the EUSFTA, with the next to be held on Feb 4. Firms can also contact SBF's FTA Education and Outreach team at fta@sbfg.org.sg.

Entry Into Force

21 November 2019

Mr Hogan (left) and Mr Iswaran announced on Friday that the European Union-Singapore Free Trade Agreement has been granted final approval. PHOTO: MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

KEY MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS: LOCAL COVERAGE

CHANNEL NEWSASIA

EU-Singapore trade deal set to take effect on Nov 21,
after approval from EU Council



By Tong See Kit
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SINGAPORE: The landmark trade deal between Singapore and the European Union (EU) is set to enter into force in less than two weeks, after getting the green light from the EU Council on Friday (Nov 8).



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〔早报讯〕新加坡与欧盟签署的欧盟-新加坡自由贸易协定（EUSFTA），已获得欧盟理事会批准，将于本月21日生效。

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欧盟—新加坡自由贸易协定（EUSFTA）已获得欧盟理事会批准，协定将于本月21日生效。

KEY MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS: INTERNATIONAL COVERAGE

The news was also picked up by international publications beyond Singapore, including by international news wire Bloomberg. Some highlights:

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Economics

Singapore-EU Free-Trade Pact, Long Debated, Takes Effect Nov. 21

By Michelle Jamrisko and Ishika Mookerjee
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 Malay Mail

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 Free Malaysia Today

EU-Singapore trade deal worth over €100 bil takes effect Nov 21

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Long-debated Singapore-EU free-trade pact to take effect on November 21

- Announcement marks a victory for export-reliant Singapore, which becomes the first Southeast Asian nation to conclude a free-trade deal with the EU
- Negotiators settled on the date of effect seven years after the two sides reached a commercial deal

 **Bloomberg**
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A free-trade agreement between Singapore and the European Union that has been almost a decade in the making will take effect on November 21, the two sides announced on Friday.

The announcement marks a victory for export-reliant Singapore, which becomes the first Southeast Asian nation to conclude a free-trade deal with the EU, according to documents from Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry.

JAPAN: NNA ASIA

EUとのFTA、理事会承認で21日発効へ

欧州連合（EU）理事会が8日、シンガポールとEUの自由貿易協定（EUSFTA）を承認し、今月21日に発効することが決まった。シンガポールのS・イスワラン貿易産業相（貿易担当）とEUのフィル・ホーガン欧州委員（通商担当）が同日発表した。EUSFTAの発効で、EU...

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 EU News

EU-Singapore trade agreement enter into force on 21 Nov 2019

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Final green light to the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement

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EU-Singapore trade agreement will begin before December

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Cecilia Malmström
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Great news! EU -Singapore trade agreement to enter into force on 21 November 2019. The deal will benefit workers, farmers and companies of all sizes, and provides further evidence of our commitment to fair and rules-based trade. More details: <https://t.co/9zpk6HXBqa>

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EU countries have endorsed the EU-Singapore trade agreement. It will enter into force this 21 November <https://t.co/zgBHPLpAfo>

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Phil Hogan
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Great to see Glasgow and Belfast made goods in particular getting a boost from the EU-Singapore trade agreement coming into force on 21 November #trade @Trade_EU <https://t.co/P66afkAlcL>

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Barbara Plinkert @BPlinkertEU · Nov 8

A historic and truly special moment, celebrating the entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement, with Commissioner @PhilHoganEU and Minister S. Iswaran @MTI_Sg, and with European Union Ambassadors. #EUSFTA @EUinSingapore @Trade_EU



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Pierre-Louis Lempereur @ploulslempereur · Nov 8

Commissioner @PhilHoganEU and Minister S. Iswaran @MTI_Sg unveil in Singapore the date of entry into force of the #EUSFTA, during an event attended by 270 guests, immediately following the Council approval in Brussels! @BPlinkertEU @Trade_EU @EUinSingapore



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European Commission @EU_Commission · Nov 8

EU countries have endorsed the EU-Singapore trade agreement. It will enter into force as soon as 21 November. This is the European Union's first bilateral trade agreement with a Southeast Asian country. More here → eupa.eu/4uM03Fn #EUtrade



EU-Singapore Agreement

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Michael Pulch @MichaelPulchEU · Nov 8

This is excellent news. The EU Singapore FTA is also a good example how a trade agreement can advance a bilateral relationship across the board.



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Channel News Asia: Commissioner Hogan In Conversation with Lin Xueling
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