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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Industrial Accelerator Act¹ (IAA) proposal does not amend the EU-Türkiye customs union, that remains governed by the existing legal framework agreed between the two parties, or any other international agreement. The IAA establishes internal rules governing certain public procurement procedures and public support schemes within the EU.

In Article 7, ‘Union origin’ refers to content originating in the Union in accordance with the non-preferential rules of origin as laid down in Article 59 of the Union Customs Code². Articles 8, 9 and 10 provide that, for the purposes of applying the Union-origin requirements referred to in Articles 11 and 12, content originating in countries with which the Union has concluded an agreement establishing a customs union, such as Türkiye, is deemed equivalent to Union origin. However, this equivalence applies by default and is in compliance with the EU’s international commitments. The proposal also empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts to exclude, in whole or in part, a third country from this equivalence following set criteria such as lack of reciprocity or avoidance of dependencies. In addition, EU contracting authorities and entities shall exclude from procurement procedures tenders submitted by economic operators owned or controlled by an entity established in third countries that have not concluded an international agreement with the EU guaranteeing such access.

The proposal strengthens the resilience and competitiveness of European industrial value chains while remaining consistent with the EU’s international obligations. The EU will continue to ensure healthy and fair competition within the framework of its strategic autonomy. Where necessary, the Commission will rely on the full range of instruments in the EU toolbox.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52026PC0100>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02013R0952-20221212>.