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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/…

of …

on the conclusion of the Agreement on Digital Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Korea

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

(1) On 27 June 2023, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the Republic of Korea for an agreement on digital trade disciplines.

(2) On 10 March 2025, the negotiations for the Agreement on Digital Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Korea (the 'Agreement') were successfully concluded by the Commission on behalf of the Union.

(3) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2025/…[1+], the Agreement was signed on …[++], subject to its conclusion at a later date.

(4) The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the Union.

(5) The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council[2] and delivered an opinion on 3 November 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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1 Council Decision (EU) 2025/… of … on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement on Digital Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Korea (OJ L, …, ELI: …).

\+ OJ: Please insert the number of the Decision in document ST 13081/25 and the date of signature in the text and complete the corresponding footnote.

++ OJ: please insert the date.

2 Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p.39, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1725/oj).

Article 1

The Agreement on Digital Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Korea[+] is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at …, …

For the Council
The President

[+] Delegations/OJ: see document ST 13085/25.