EU–ACP Samoa Partnership Agreement

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Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part (2023/2862)

What is changing and why?

The EU and the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) have developed a new Partnership Agreement that sets out basic principles for tackling key issues of common interest. These include democracy/human rights, sustainable economic growth and development, climate change, human/social development, peace and security, and migration. The Samoa Agreement updates the previous Cotonou Agreement to reflect new global challenges. This is not a trade deal, so has no direct impacts on trading arrangements such as import tariffs and quotas, but it does agree principles of trade cooperation.

Timeline

The Agreement provisionally applies from 1 January 2024. It will enter into force fully once it has European Parliament consent and is ratified by all EU Member States and at least two thirds of OACPS Member States.

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