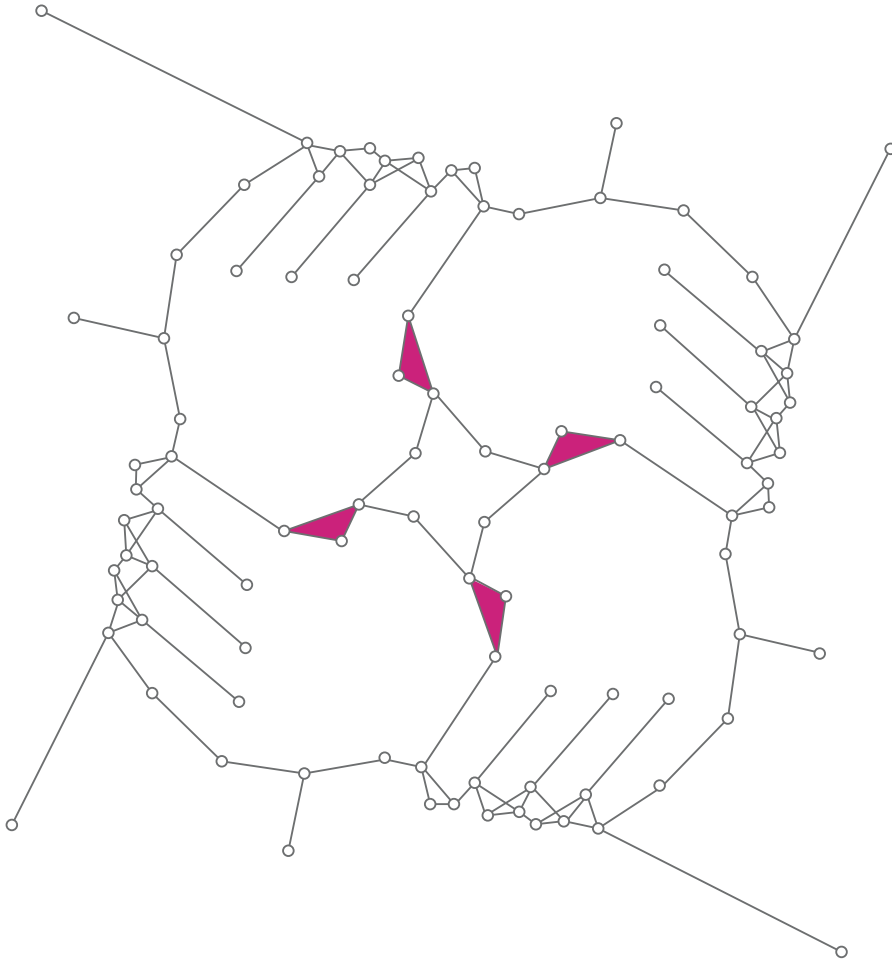




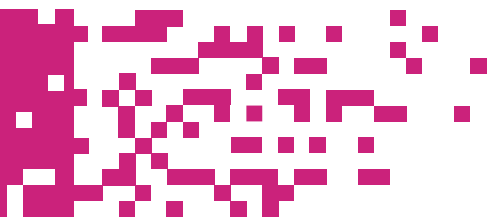
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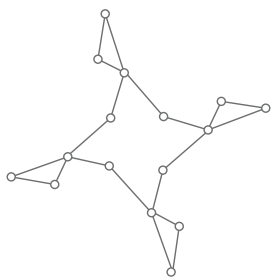


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# Introduction

The negotiation rounds of the Free Trade Agreement between Vietnam and the European Union (EVFTA) was officially announced to be concluded on the late of December, 2015 and is currently in the process of judicial review in preparation for the official signing. The EVFTA and the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) are two of the largest new generation free trade agreements that Vietnam's largest ever negotiated. With a wide range of commitments, covering many trade or trade-related areas, including issues both at and beyond the border, EVFTA is forecasted to have major influence to legislation institution and economy of Vietnam in the coming period.

Customs and trade facilitation is among the commitments expected to have a direct impact on the efficiency of EVFTA enforcement in the field of trade in goods. Moreover, while most other commitments apply only to the objects and entities within the trade between parties, the application scope of the commitments on customs and trade facilitation is open to all issues in across-border trade in goods. Therefore the review of the Vietnam legal framework against EVFTA commitments on trade facilitate is essential, not only to prepare for the EVFTA implementation but also to be an important factor to contribute to the reform of administrative procedures in import and export, and promote international movement of goods and trade integration of Vietnam.

Vietnam legal framework on the issues outlined in the EVFTA commitments on customs and trade facilitation includes 02 relatively independent groups: customs law (for all exports and imports) and legislations on specialized management (for exports and imports subject to specialized management).

The Review of Vietnam legislation against EVFTA commitments on customs and trade facilitation prepared by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vietnam (VCCI) in March 2016 showed that this legal system has basically been compatible with the EVFTA commitments. Thus, it is concluded that problems seem to arise from the legal system on specialized management for goods exported and imported.

*The review of Vietnam legal framework on specialized inspection on import and export goods against EVFTA commitments on customs and trade facilitation* is prepared by the VCCI with the analysis of the compatibility level between the Vietnam legal framework and international commitments from the perspective of the businesses (import-export entities); and therefore, the solutions are proposed to ensure compliance with the international agreement under the most profitable way for businesses and the subject of imports and exports.

This review is in the chain of 09 Review Vietnam legal framework against TPP and EVFTA commitments in the critical institutional areas (including Investment, Government procurement, Intellectual property, Customs and Trade facilitation, Transparency, Service market access) prepared by the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) within the framework of 02 stages of the Programme of Reviewing Vietnam legal framework with institutional commitments under new generation free trade agreement with the support of the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland.

Hopefully this report will be a useful information source for the legal review process for TPP approval's preparation and execution of the Government, the National Assembly and relevant authorities.

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