



## Frank questions national security status of WTO deal with EU

A letter from Congressmen Barney Frank and Ron Paul has surfaced requesting details of the trade agreement brokered between the US and the EU and questioning why the US government has cited national security as a reason not to reveal anything further of the deal.

The deal negotiated in December last year was intended to compensate the affected countries following the US withdrawal of its commitment to the GATS agreement under article 21.

Dated 14 March but posted on the House Financial Services Committee website on 25 March, the letter urges US trade representative Susan Schwab to reveal why "national security" was cited for a refusal to release details of the deal.

The letter says: "We find this (citation of national security) unacceptable. If, in fact, there were some additional trade concessions that were made that do have national security implications, we request a secure briefing on those issues."

The letter adds: "If this is merely an attempt to avoid revealing the cost of these trade concessions, either because they would be viewed too costly by the United States or not costly enough by the negotiating countries, this FOIA denial on the grounds of 'national security' would appear to be a misuse of the FOIA process."

Frank and Paul conclude by stating that both believe the withdrawal to have been "a mistake".

A hearing, titled 'Proposed UIGEA Regulations: Burden without Benefit' will take place this Wednesday at 10am eastern standard time in the House Committee on Financial Services. The hearing will debate the current ban, implementation of the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, and Congressman Frank's proposals for regulation.

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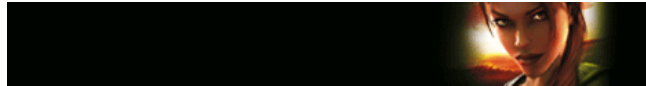
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