



Parliament should say NO to ACTA, says International Trade Committee

Committees: Committee on International Trade

Parliament should say NO to the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA), said the International Trade Committee in a vote on Thursday. Nineteen MEPs voted against ACTA, and twelve in favour, with no abstentions.

"I welcome the result of today's vote. I am pleased that the committee has acknowledged the problems I have identified in my report and has followed my recommendation to reject ACTA," said David Martin (S and D, UK), after the vote results were announced.

Four European Parliament committees (Civil Liberties, Industry, Legal Affairs and Development) had already recommended that Parliament should reject the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA). The Petitions Committee discussed five complaints calling on MEPs to reject ACTA, supported by over 2.8 million people from all over the world.

Parliament as a whole will debate ACTA on 3 July, with a vote scheduled for 4 July. If the House does not give its consent to ACTA, then the agreement falls as far as the EU is concerned.

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