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### **EU-U.S. Privacy Shield up and running for one month**

Since 1 August, U.S. companies have been able to sign up to the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield with the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#), which has been verifying that their privacy policies comply with the high data protection standards required by the Privacy Shield. Already 103 have been certified. This means that these U.S. companies can receive personal data from the EU in full compliance with EU data protection rules. European companies can easily check on the Privacy Shield [list](#) whether their American partner companies, to whom they are transferring personal data, are certified. The Department of Commerce is currently reviewing the privacy policies of 190 further companies that have signed up to the Shield while an additional 250 companies are in the process of submitting their application. The Commission welcomes the choice made by a third of the certified companies to opt for the EU Data Protection Authorities as their dispute resolution body (which is compulsory for human resource data but optional for other personal data). This will provide individuals with an easy and accessible way to obtain redress, if they consider their data has been misused and their data protection rights have not been respected. All details on the different redress possibilities are available in the [citizens' guide](#) published by the Commission. More information on the Privacy Shield are available in the 12 July [press release](#) and a [Q&A](#).

### **EU customs investigators get new, powerful tools to combat fraud**

As of today, customs investigators across the European Union will be able to use new electronic tools to combat customs fraud more effectively. Through an [update of customs rules](#), authorities will be able to access new IT systems that record the physical movements of containers transported on maritime vessels and gather information on the goods entering, transiting and leaving the EU. These new instruments will allow the EU and its Member States to better track and trace suspicious shipments and to better detect customs fraud. Customs fraud – for example, the misdeclaration of product origin, undervaluation, or misdescription of goods at import – causes significant damage to the EU's financial interests. Given

the transnational nature of such fraud, cooperation between customs authorities is essential. More details available [here](#).

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