



## The refusal by the Council of the EU to give full public access to a legal opinion related to the EU trade agreement with the United Kingdom

**Case 717/2021/DL - Opened on 21/04/2021 - Institution concerned** Council of the European Union |

The complainant requested from the Council of the EU public access to a legal opinion related to the EU trade agreement with the United Kingdom. The Council granted access to only parts of the document. In refusing to disclose the full document, the Council invoked several exceptions under the EU's rules on public access to documents, arguing that full disclosure would undermine the protection of an ongoing decision-making process, international relations and legal advice.

The Ombudsman opened an inquiry and asked to inspect the document in question.