

# CETA IS PROVISIONALLY IMPLEMENTED — THE C\$1.5 BILLION THRESHOLD ARRIVES

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As we foreshadowed in [our brief](#) on the *Investment Canada Act* (“**ICA**”) 2016-17 annual report as well as in our [March 2015 bulletin](#) announcing significant changes to the ICA, the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (“**CETA**”), which was provisionally implemented as of September 21, 2017,<sup>[1]</sup> has resulted in a higher threshold for net benefit reviews under the ICA for many foreign investors. In particular, non-state owned enterprise investors from the EU and certain other countries with most-favoured nation treatment under Canada’s current free trade agreements (including Chile, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, South Korea and the United States) — collectively representing approximately 80% of ICA notifications and applications last year — now benefit from a net benefit review threshold of **C\$1.5 billion in enterprise value** for investments in non-cultural Canadian businesses.

The C\$1.5 billion enterprise value threshold is likely to result in materially fewer applications for review under the ICA’s net benefit test.

Please see our updated 2017 [Competition Act and Investment Canada Act thresholds checklist](#).

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[1] Bill C-30, which received royal assent on May 16, 2017, was proclaimed into force by the Governor-in-Counsel on September 12, 2017. This bill contains the amendments to various federal acts, including the ICA, which were required to implement CETA.[ps2id id='1' target='']

## A Cautionary Note

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