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The Netherlands ratifies Agreement on Unified Patent Court

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The Netherlands has deposited its instrument of ratification of the Unified Patent Court Agreement with the Council of the EU.

That has just been [announced](#) by the Dutch ministry of Economic Affairs.

The Netherlands is the eleventh member state of the Unitary Patent system to complete the ratification process. In order for the system to launch, 13 ratifications are needed, including those of France (which ratified in 2014), Germany and the UK.



Since the Brexit vote in the UK referendum of 23 June 2016, it has become uncertain whether the UK will still ratify the UPCA. More clarity about this is expected later this year.

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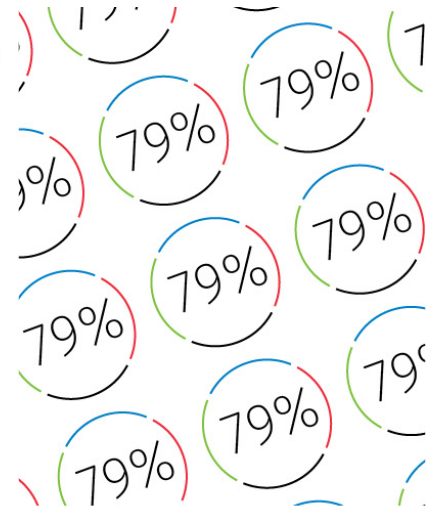
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