

Directorate-General for Trade

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Meeting with Art. 4.1 b, Deutsche Institut fur Normung (DIN)

Here's a summary of our meeting earlier today with DIN, for records purposes. Let me know if you'd like to add anything (please copy transparency inbox).

Art. 4.1 b of the Deutsche Institut für Normung (DIN) had requested a meeting to discuss latest updates on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) in TTIP. Art. 4.1 b and Art. 4.1b (TRADE) and Art. 4.1b and Art. 4.1b (GROW) joined the meeting.

The following topics were raised in discussion:

- An update on staff moves in the regulatory and US-geographical units in DG Trade
- State of play of the TBT discussions in TTIP: as per the report of the 10th round, the progress of negotiations on the EU's interests in conformity assessment and standardisation
- The differences between the EU and US systems particularly with regards to presumption of conformity and the definition of an "international" standard
- EU's objectives in TBT with the US, and what is not on the negotiating table as outlined in EU online factsheet
- Past EU-US agreements on areas relating to TBT
- Regular DIN-ANSI roundtable (US-German Standards Panel), to convene next spring on the subject of standards in the medical devices sector
- Explanation of the TBT provisions in CETA