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We had a meeting today with VDMA (*And 9.1.6*) explain the state of play in the HLWG and what is expected in terms of submissions from industry. The discussion turned mainly around regulatory issues although CDMA mentioned that they were strongly interested in dismantling existing tariff barriers (US applied tariffs currently at 4%; EU tariffs on average at 2,5%). VDMA also conscious of increasing role China is taking as a supplier to the US market – although products supplied are rather different from the German offer.

VDMA finds it difficult to make proposals on regulatory compatibility on a sector basis, given in the engineering business rules and regulations differ on a product by product basis. *NOT RELEASABLE*

VDMA will come back on the question of substantive requirements and criteria for product safety as applied by OSHA and EU certification bodies, but suggested that there are differences as regards the electrical installations.

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