2. EPA - Update on the state of play

Status of the legal scrubbing of the EPA was explained. It is expected to be completed by the end of this week (9th February). A summit or ceremony for signing the EPA can be expected mid-July in Brussels, as PM Abe will be in Europe at that time.
4. NTMs – State of play of the two NTM lists linked with the EPA negotiations

A hard copy of the final status report (WK 726/2018/INIT) on NTMs was circulated at the meeting. This report finds that 97% of NTMs have been eliminated. Regarding cars, all NTMs on the lists have been eliminated. Most outstanding issues are in the area of SPS. The Delegation is to look into the issues in greater depth.