Report - 17 December 2019 – Meeting between Cristina Rueda-Catry and ACEA (European Automobile Manufacturers’ Association)

Participants:

COM: Cristina Rueda Catry (CAB), Art 4.1(b) TRADE G3, Art 4.1(b) (TRADE E1)

ACEA: Art 4.1(b), ACEA, Art 4.1(b) Daimler, Art 4.1(b) (Volvo), Art 4.1(b) (Scania), Art 4.1(b) (CNH) and Art 4.1(b) (Ford Europe).

Summary:

ACEA requested the meeting to discuss priority concerns with the new CAB, ahead of Commissioner Hogan’s trip to the US in January. The discussion focused on the following issues:

EU-US relations:

- ACEA would be very interested in EU-US regulatory cooperation in the automotive sector (notably in the field of automated driving and new energy vehicles). ACEA and the US sister association submitted their views during the EC public consultation earlier this year.

- ACEA suggested to organise contact between CAB and its US sister associations during the visit of Commissioner Hogan in January.

Mercosur:

- ACEA welcomed the political agreement and highlighted the importance to open additional export markets for EU cars manufacturers, given the slowdown of exports to the US and China. ACEA welcomed the removal of tariff on cars despite the long dismantling period and sees huge (EU exports represent only 2% of the total).

- ACEA insisted on the need to ensure regulatory convergence and the recognition of UNECE regulations by Mercosur.
Mexico: ACEA enquired about the timing of the modernised EU-Mexico deal.

Enforcement: ACEA was interested to learn more about the amendment of the EU’s Enforcement Regulation and the creation of a Chief Trade Enforcement Officer. In this context, ACEA raised the issue of the Algeria’s market access bans and the lack of means to address this situation. It welcomed the EU’s intention to continue its efforts on this matter with the new Algerian administration.

Invitations: ACEA will send an invitation to the Commissioner to participate in its annual event on 22 January in Brussels.

Cristina Rueda outlined the state of play and potential next steps on the above-mentioned issues and responded to the questions raised by ACEA.