



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis

Meeting with Ford

29/09/2022

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting: Ford enquired about the state of play of the ratification of the FTA revision, as it has productions capacities in Mexico of electric vehicles and wishes to export them to the EU.

CRC explained that we are constructively engaged with Mexican authorities

Art.4(1)a

The process including translation and legal scrubbing may take around 18 months.

Ford said that it moves rapidly towards EV technology. All its models will soon be available in electric version.

Art.4(2)

Ford explained that given recent price hikes of raw materials, cost of battery increased thus in some cases making it difficult for an EV to meet European Union rules of origin for preferential imports. In addition, batteries made in EU MS (such as Poland) while assembled in vehicles in Mexico, do not account for originating (preferential) content until the EU-Mexico agreement comes into force.

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Topics: FTA EU – Mexico, Electric vehicles

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Invitation: by email

Participants:

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 Art.4(1)b Art.4(1)b (DG TRADE)

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