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Meeting with VDMA - TTIP - 22.01.2015

VDMA: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

COMM: I. Garcia Bercero, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (DG Trade), [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (DG ENTR)

- VDMA stated that they continue working on providing more common positions across the Atlantic, on the top of the ones provided by the printing industry, ORGALIME/NEMA, SPI/Euromap and CECE/CEMA/AEM.
- Upon Commission request they highlighted their main interests in the NRTL revision:
 - ILAC/IAF accreditation recognition by OSHA and ensuing recognition of certificates.
 - Enhancing the use of IEC/ISO standards.
 - Use of a common safety marking.
- VDMA requested clarification on the recently published Commission paper on engineering: In particular regarding the absence of specific language on accreditation, the particular approach to mechanical safety and in general about how the discussions with the US would progress.
- The issue of the use of ISO 12100 was raised. VDMA would see a great improvement if this standard was taken up by the US.
- VDMA reiterated their request of 100% tariff elimination at entry into force.
- Regarding RoO, they claimed that CETA is not the right example for TTIP and that under every heading there should always be a possibility to use an alternative rule.
- Simplifying visa procedures for workers is also a demand of VDMA (Comm noted that this is out of the scope of TTIP)