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# **EU-US REGULATORY CONVERGENCE FOR THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY**

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# Facts about CLEPA

Founded in 1959

Represents 103 corporate members  
of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts,  
systems and modules

25 National trade and European sector associations  
representing more than 3000 member companies

more than 5 Million employees

€15bn invested by suppliers p.a. for RDI

with 600 Billion € sales

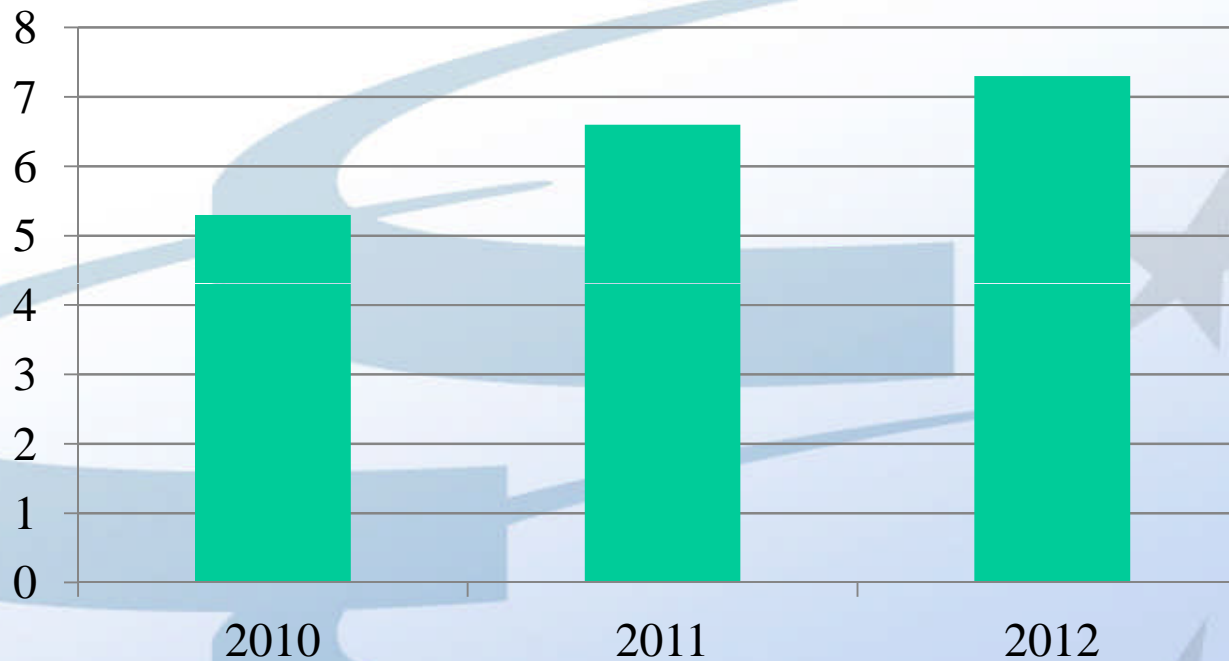
Partner of the EU and the UN

Association Partner: MEMA



## US Imports from EU27 increased during last years

USD bn



Auto parts & accessories Commodity HS code: 8708



## US Exports to EU27 decreased slightly in 2012

USD bn



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## USD bn US trade deficit is increasing



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## EU-US Regulatory Convergence

### Long-term benefits

- Smarter use of research and innovation funds and resources
- Reduced production costs, reduced prices for consumers, increase of sales
- Increased trade flows in both directions
- US-EU – 47% of world GDP and 35% of global auto sales. A strong FTA could add 0.4 to 0.5% p.a. to US & EU GDP – if so, vehicle sales could be 1-2 million units higher in the combined block
- Establishing de-facto global standards

**→ Need for high-level commitment and cooperation of policymakers and regulators at the highest possible levels**



# EU-US Regulatory Convergence

## Guiding principles

- Strong and sustained support from governments and regulatory authorities at the highest levels
- No net increase in US or EU regulatory requirements
- Decrease in components production and certification costs
- Bear in mind global harmonization.





# EU-US Regulatory Convergence Proposed Approach

Performance criteria and assessment methods:

- Existing regulations:
  - Mutual recognition without any change.
  - If no agreement on mutual recognition, harmonization by amending each regulation.
- New regulations: joint cooperative process with common goals and input, to address future safety and environmental needs of USA and EU in a global context.



# EU-US Regulatory Convergence

## Legal and Administrative Issues

- US self-certification:
  - EU/UN technical requirements can be used when equivalent (via mutual recognition, harmonization)
- EU type-approval
  - Use of US requirements when equivalent (via mutual recognition, harmonization)
- Legal obstacles:
  - Manufacturers' product liability
  - To provide legal certainty, equivalence needs to be ensured



# EU-US Regulatory Convergence Priority List

<b>EU Regulation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>US Regulation</b>
UN Reg. 94	Occupant Crash Protection	FMVSS 208
UN Reg. 95	Side Impact Protection	FMVSS 214
UN Reg. 21	Occupant Protection in Interior Impact	FMVSS 201
UN Reg. 14,16,44	Child restraint systems	FMVSS 213/225
UN Reg 64	Tire Pressure Monitoring System	FMVSS 138
Euro 5 and 6	Light Duty Vehicle Emissions/WLTP	EPA Tier 2/3
Euro VI/GTR 4	Heavy Duty Vehicles Emissions	EPA 2010

## Conclusions

- 1. Regulatory convergence of automotive regulations is critical to the success of the TTIP**
- 2. Global standards would be established**
- 3. EU-US regulatory convergence shall foster the global harmonization process.**
- 4. Strong and sustained support from both governments and regulatory authorities at the highest levels**