



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
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The Directors General

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By e-mail only

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your organisation actively participated in the stakeholder session of the EU-US High Level Regulatory Cooperation Forum held in Washington, D.C. on 10-11 April 2013. We truly appreciated your personal engagement in this meeting, as well as your contribution to our on-going reflections in view of identifying opportunities to promote greater transatlantic regulatory compatibility.

Over 600 people watched the webstream provided by the US Chamber of Commerce on 10 April and more than 50 stakeholder associations presented their views during the public meeting. Their presentations have been made available by the US Chamber at:

<http://www.uschamber.com/grc/presentations-us-eu-high-level-regulatory-cooperation-forum>

Following the joint solicitation on regulatory compatibility issued by the Commission services and the US Administration in September 2012¹, the meeting of the High Level Regulatory Cooperation Forum provided a first opportunity to exchange views and ideas in the context of a longer process that will develop in 2013 and beyond. In particular, future negotiations on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) should explore avenues to reduce the costs stemming from divergent regulations, as highlighted in the final report of the High Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth².

The European Commission and the U.S. Government share the goal of reducing unnecessary regulatory costs and unjustified regulatory differences, while respecting each other's right to protect public health, safety, welfare and the environment. We are convinced that further progress in enhancing regulatory compatibility can only be achieved by working in close cooperation with *all* interested parties. The concrete ideas put forward by your organisation, both on general regulatory aspects and on sector-specific issues, will be carefully examined. They will help us to identify immediate and longer-term goals, as well as potential ways to accomplish them.

We firmly encourage you to remain committed to this process and we invite you to contribute to forthcoming consultations on either side of the Atlantic, including the USTR Federal Register Notice published on 1 April and closing on 10 May.³ The Commission will in due course provide further opportunities for comment and discussion on the regulatory component of the TTIP.

Yours sincerely, *Thank you!*

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¹ http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/international/files/eu-us-agreement_en.pdf

² http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2013/february/tradoc_150519.pdf

³ http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=USTR_FRDOC_0001-0255