

Promoting U.S.-EU Regulatory Compatibility

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC SESSION OF THE EU-U.S. HIGH LEVEL REGULATORY COOPERATION FORUM

10-11 April 2013, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY:

On 28 September 2012, the European Commission's Directorate-General for Enterprise and the Directorate-General for Trade, together with the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), published a [joint request for comments on “Promoting U.S.-EC Regulatory Compatibility”](#). The notice was part of a joint effort by the European Union (EU) and the United States (U.S.) to obtain input from the public on how to promote greater transatlantic regulatory compatibility generally as well as in specific economic sectors.

On 10-11 April 2013, the European Commission and OMB will hold a public meeting of the EU-U.S. High Level Regulatory Cooperation Forum in Washington, D.C., to provide interested persons, in particular those who submitted comments in response to the 28 September notice, with an opportunity to provide an oral statement.

DATES:

Public meeting: Wednesday 10 April 2013, starting at 9.00 and ending at 17.30, and Thursday 11 April 2013, starting at 9.00 and ending at 12.00.

ADDRESSES:

Public Meeting: The meeting will be hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at 1615 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20062. Any person wishing to attend should register at www.uschamber.com/grc/us-eu-high-level-regulatory-cooperation-forum.

Oral Presentations: Any persons wishing to give a presentation/oral statement at the public meeting should notify the European Commission in writing via ENTR-USREGCOOP@ec.europa.eu no later than 20 March 2013, and provide in advance or at the meeting, written copies of their presentations.

When considering requests to present an oral statement, given the limited amount of time available for the meeting, and to take advantage of the work already done by members of the public, preference will be given to those who submitted comments in response to the 28

September notice. Those persons that have been selected to present at the public meeting will be informed no later than 5 April 2013.

Please note that a similar public notice has been published in the U.S. Federal Register. In order to avoid duplication, persons interested in giving a presentation/oral statement during the meeting are invited to respond only once, either on the EU or the U.S. side. However, all persons wishing to attend the meeting should register with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as mentioned above.

Instructions: those persons that are selected to give a presentation/oral statement at the public meeting are invited to email them, as well as any supporting information, to ENTR-USREGCOOP@ec.europa.eu.

Please note that this Forum meeting is an initial step in a much longer process of public engagement to identify possible areas of transatlantic regulatory cooperation in the future. Time constraints may prevent some stakeholders from making presentations on 10-11 April 2013. However, there will be future opportunities to submit suggestions and ideas, and the Stakeholder session agenda will in no way prejudice the specific elements of a future transatlantic regulatory cooperation agenda.

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BACKGROUND:

Transatlantic trade and investment constitute the largest economic relationship in the world – accounting for half of global economic output and nearly one trillion dollars in goods and services trade, and supporting millions of jobs on both sides of the Atlantic. The European Union and the United States are committed to identifying new ways to strengthen this vibrant economic partnership, and we share the goals of reducing unnecessary regulatory differences and cutting red tape while respecting each other's right to protect public health, safety, welfare, and the environment. Promoting these goals will help businesses to grow, create jobs, and compete globally. Enhanced cooperation will also help the United States and the EU to achieve their regulatory objectives in a more effective and efficient manner.

In recent years, the U.S.-EU High Level Regulatory Cooperation Forum (HLRCF), and the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC) have sought to increase cooperation on future regulations affecting new and innovative growth markets and technologies. We seek to continue to make progress through the HLRCF and the TEC with the help of additional input from the public.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

The 10-11 April 2013 public session of the HLRCF is intended to provide an opportunity for interested parties to help the EU and the U.S. define priorities for the regulatory component of future bilateral negotiations and for future work in the HLRCF. The public input will help us to identify both immediate and longer-term goals and potential mechanisms to accomplish them.