

Enhancing International Harmonisation of Technical Regulations for Motor Vehicles

Review of the UNECE 1958 Agreement: EU and Japanese Perspectives and Endeavours

Date & Time	Wednesday, 23 May 2012, 14:00 - 15:30
Place	The Delegation of the European Union to Japan
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Participation	Free (capacity 120, pre-registration required)
Language	English / Japanese (simultaneous interpretation)

Enhancing the International harmonisation of technical requirements for motor vehicles is a high priority for an increasingly globalising automotive industry.

The European Commission and Japan have been at the forefront of enhancing international harmonisation of motor vehicle regulations by actively supporting the work of the **World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations (WP29)** of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

In 2010 the WP29 agreed on the need to **review the UNECE's "1958 Agreement"** for uniform technical requirement for automotive products and mutual recognition of approvals issued pursuant to these requirements. The aim of this review is to: (1) enhance the reliability and robustness of UNECE's regulatory framework to cope with new challenges stemming from

changes in the globalising automotive sector; (2) encourage the participation of emerging countries in the 1958 Agreement; and (3) develop an **International Whole Vehicle Type-Approval (IWVTA)** which allows for the mutual recognition of the entire vehicle.

An informal working group established to undertake the leading role in this activity is co-chaired by the European Commission and Japan.

In this seminar, Mr. Philippe Jean, Head of Automotive Unit of DG Enterprise & Industry, and Mr. Takao Onoda, Director for Engineering Policy Division of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), will outline the latest developments within the WP29/UNECE, the key processes for the review of the 1958 Agreement and the latest discussions on IWVTA.

14:00	Opening remarks by Mr. Hiroshi Tsukamoto, General Manager, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation
14:05-14:30	"Review of the 1958 Agreement and IWVTA – the EU Perspective" Speaker: Mr. Philippe Jean, Head of Automotive Unit, Directorate General for Enterprise & Industry, European Commission
14:30-15:00	"Japan's Action Towards Establishment of IWVTA" Speaker: Mr. Takao Onoda, Director, Engineering Policy Division, Road Transport Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
15:00-15:25	Questions & Answers
15:30	Wrap-up and closing remarks by Mr. Silviu Jora, General Manager, EU-Japan Centre

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