

**Question for written answer E-007514/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Negotiations between the EU and Japan on the Free Trade Agreement

The Free Trade Agreement with Japan is one of the most important agreements currently under negotiation. After more than a year of negotiations, Japan has made considerable progress in the roadmap for removing the non-tariff barriers agreed upon in the scoping exercise. However, there is still room for improvement in the more sensitive sectors, such as the automotive sector, in order to achieve a trade framework on equal terms.

1. What progress does the Commission feel that Japan is making to meet the objectives of the roadmap for the automotive sector and what is the Commission doing to make sure that they are being met?
2. In addition to the non-tariff barriers identified by the scoping exercise, is the Commission considering taking any further steps to eliminate the non-tariff barriers that were not included in the roadmap for the Japanese automotive sector?
3. How does the Commission view the progress made by Japan to create a fair competition framework between 'kei cars' and compact cars? What is the Commission doing to make sure that Japan is taking significant measures to guarantee equal conditions for 'kei cars' and compact cars?