

**Question for written answer E-003574/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: EU-US Mutual Recognition Agreement on Conformity Assessment

The joint statement published after the last EU-US Trade and Technology Council (TTC) meeting in May 2023 mentions that the EU and the US 'are working to facilitate conformity assessment across a range of sectors, such as machinery, and to continue exploring cooperation on horizontal approaches to conformity assessment'.

Mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) on conformity assessment are effective tools for facilitating conformity assessment procedures and cutting costs for exporters. Several economic studies have proven that MRAs have a positive impact on trade flows, and there are already several positive examples of MRAs between the EU and third countries such as Canada, Japan and Australia. The EU and the US currently have MRAs in place covering sectors including marine equipment, radio equipment and electromagnetic compatibility.

1. What concrete progress has there been on the work within the TTC on the facilitation of conformity assessment since the last TTC meeting in May 2023?
2. Does the Commission plan to negotiate an MRA on conformity assessment with the US covering other sectors which are not already included under the scope of the existing MRAs, such as machinery?

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