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Information request

The current progress of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) Trade Agreement and the estimated date of implementation.

Information released

There have now been six rounds of TTIP negotiations. The sixth round took place from 14 to 18 July 2014 in Brussels. The next round will be held at the end of September 2014. The UK hopes that an ambitious deal can be completed in 2015, with implementation starting then and continuing over a period of several years.

In terms of the detail of what is being discussed, the European Commission has recently updated its document summarising the latest state of play in the TTIP negotiations following the sixth round. This document is available on the Commission's website at: ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/ttip/

The UK seeks a broad agreement that eliminates the vast majority of tariffs on trade between the two markets and reduces other unnecessary barriers to trade without lowering standards of consumer, environmental or employment protection, on either side of the Atlantic.

Further information about the TTIP negotiations is also available on the government Gov.UK website at: www.gov.uk/government/collections/transatlantic-trade-and-investment-partnership-ttip