

**Minutes of the third meeting of the Working Group on Motor Vehicles and Parts
established under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the European
Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 21 May 2026 in
Brussels**

The third meeting of the Working Group on Motor Vehicles and Parts was held on 21 May 2026 in Brussels. The EU side was represented by different services of the Commission, led by DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), and several Member States followed the discussion online. The UK side was represented by different departments of the UK Government, led by the Department for Transport (DFT), also attending were representatives from the UK devolved governments.

The objective of the meeting was to exchange information on the regulatory work and policy developments in the EU and the UK.

Both sides noted there were no specific market access issues related to the implementation of the Motor Vehicles and Parts Annex under TCA.

The EU side provided an update on its strategy for the automotive industry, in relation to the Automotive Package, adopted in December 2025. The package consists of a Revision of the CO2 Emission Standards for Cars and Vans (including a revision of the Car Labelling Directive), a Regulation on Clean Corporate Vehicles, the Battery Booster initiative, the Automotive Omnibus, and is expected to support the automotive industry in the transition to zero-emission mobility, maintaining the climate targets while offering more flexibility to the EU industry.

The UK in turn presented its policy, which includes the Advanced Manufacturing strategy, DRIVE35 Funding initiative, ZEV Mandate, Energy Cost Relief mechanism as a part of the British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme and the Automotive Transformation Fund.

The EU then informed about the published End-of-Life-Vehicle Regulation, which integrates circularity design and end-of-life management into type-approval legislation. Amongst the secondary legislation, the EU side reported on the adoption of the 1st Euro 7 implementation package and the ongoing work on the 2nd Euro 7 implementation package with respect to light-duty vehicles, and informed that the next step would include implementing rules for heavy duty vehicles. The EU also informed about the revision of Annex X of Regulation (EU) 2018/858 with respect to access to repair and maintenance information and on-board diagnostics in light of cybersecurity requirements, and the new rules for automated valet parking for unlimited series. The EU clarified that the upcoming regulatory pipeline would include a horizontal alignment of the EU type approval framework to cater for automated driving systems, the revision of the Individual Vehicle Approval and a proposal for replacement of traction batteries.

The UK provided an update on proposed amendments to the GB approval scheme, including the amendment of the obligations on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information (subject to an upcoming consultation), stressing the relevance of presumption of alignment with the EU in key regulatory areas including Euro 7 (full alignment expected by November 2026) and General Safety Regulation (subject to the current public consultation), with a view to minimise the divergence between the type-approval requirements in GB and NI. The UK outlined plans to establish a permanent GB type-approval scheme for L and T categories of vehicles, and that a full consultation would be held in due course.

Both sides confirmed that regulatory cooperation in UNECE remained a top priority, with emphasis on regulation of new technologies such as vehicle automation, artificial intelligence and environmental protection/electrification, noting that some areas of implementation of vehicle automation are the Member States' competence.

The two co-chairs agreed to report to the Specialised Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade.

Both sides agreed that the next meeting of the working group would be hosted by the UK in 2027.

Annex 1 – Participants of the third meeting of the Working Group on Motor Vehicles and Parts established under the EU UK TCA

UK Delegation

- UK Co-chair of the Working Group on Motor Vehicles and Parts
- UK Government Officials from DFT, VCA, DBT

EU Delegation

- EU Co-chair of the Working Group on Motor Vehicles and Parts
- EU Officials from GROW, TRADE, SG
- EU Member States

Annex 2 – Agenda

**The third meeting of the Working Group on Motor Vehicles and Parts
Established under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

Meeting on 21st May 2026, 13h30-15h30 CET

Brussels, Breydel building – 005/258

AGENDA

- 1 Adoption of the Agenda
- 2 TCA implementation
- 3 Exchange on respective automotive policies
- 4 Updates on respective regulatory activities
- 5 UNECE/WP29
- 6 Forward look of potential future items
- 7 AOB