

U.S.-E.U. Dialogue on Regulatory Reform

Washington, D.C.
September 28-30, 2005

Wednesday: Room 476, Eisenhower Executive Office Building

9:00 – 10:10

Welcome and Introductions

- John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget
- William Craft, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade, Department of State
- James Sanford, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Mediterranean
- Gert-Jan Koopman, Director, Industrial Policy and Economic Reforms, Enterprise and Industry, DG

10:15 – 11:30

Overview of the U.S. Regulatory Development Process

Discussion of the roles of Congress, the agencies, the President, the judiciary, and State governments as well as the Administrative Procedure Act, the Paperwork Reduction Act, and the evolution of OMB oversight.

- Speaker Paul Noe, Counselor to Dr. Graham

11:30 – 12:00

Observations and Suggestions by E.C. Participants

E.C. officials share their views on the similarities and differences between the E.U. and U.S. approaches to issues discussed during the day's sessions.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Survey of the Evidence of the Relationship Between Regulatory Quality and Economic Performance

How high standards for regulatory policy and institutions contribute to economic and social performance based on work from the World Bank, the OECD, and others.

- Dr. John Morrall, Chief, Health, Transportation, and General Government, OIRA

- 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. **Case Study of a U.S. Regulation: Automobile Airbags**
- Case illustrates how Congress, the agencies, Presidential oversight and the courts shaped this important regulation. Comparison of benefits and costs estimates – ex ante and ex post.
- Dr. Graham
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **Observations and Suggestions by E.C. Participants**
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- 7:00 p.m. **Reception for E.C. Delegates**
- Thursday: Room 5104, New Executive Office Building**
- 9:00 – 10:15 **Regulatory Impact Analysis**
- Briefing on OMB Circular A-4: Analysis of the need for regulatory intervention. Examining alternative regulatory approaches. Assessing the costs and benefits of regulation. Cost-effectiveness analysis and uncertainty analysis.
- Dr. Dominic Mancini and Dr. Richard Theroux, OIRA
- 10:30 – 11:30am **Current Regulatory Issues in the U.S. : OIRA Staff**
- Dr. Art Fraas: Electric Utility Emissions Regulation
 - Dr .Dominc Mancini: Regulation of Animal Feed to Prevent BSE.
 - Dr. Edmond Toy: Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards
 - Dr. Mark Menchik: Hours of Service for Truck Drivers
- 11:30 to 12:00 **Reactions from E.C. participants**
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

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Assessing Regulatory Impacts on Small Businesses

Briefing on the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the analyses it requires agencies to conduct.

- Tom Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration

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Peer Review, Information Quality and Administrative Burden

New tools to assure the quality of regulatory impact assessments and the quality of information collected used and disseminated by agencies.

- Ms. Brenda Aguilar: Paperwork Reduction Act
- Mr. James Laity: case study in paperwork reduction: Toxic Release Inventory
- Dr. Nancy Beck : peer review and information quality

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Agency Perspectives on the US Regulatory Process

- Neil Eisner, Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement, Department of Transportation
- Dr. Randall Lutter, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning, Food and Drug Administration
- Dr Al McGartland, Director Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation, the Environmental Protection Administration

10:30-12:00

Independent Assessment of the US Regulatory Process

Assessment of effectiveness of U.S. approach to improving the quality and increasing the cost-effectiveness of Federal regulation

- Susan Dudley, Director of the Regulatory Studies Program
Mercatus Center of George Mason University
- Scott Jacobs, Managing Director of Jacobs and Associates
- James Gattuso, Research Fellow in Regulatory Policy, the
Heritage Foundation

12:00-2:00 p.m. **Hosted Lunch**

2:00– 3:30 p.m. **Closing Session.**

Summary impressions of E.C. participants on U.S.
regulatory system and suggestions for further U.S.-E.U.
cooperation. Discussion of Next Steps.

- Moderator: Dr Graham