FREETRADE AGREEMENT EU-Japan

Automotive Perspective

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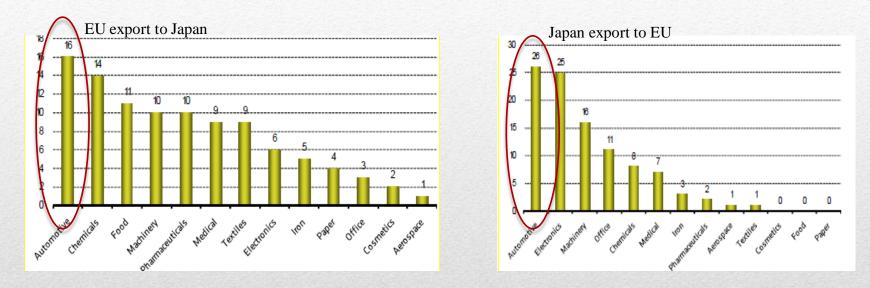
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EU JAPAN AUTOMOTIVE

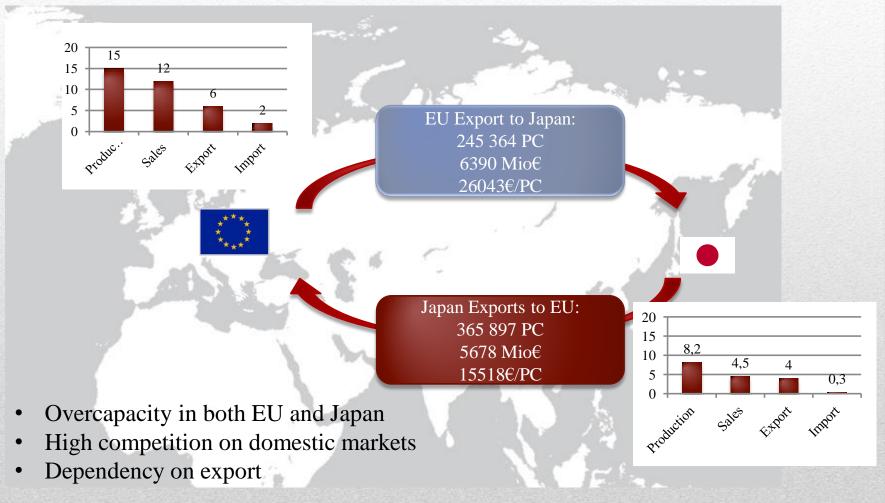
Trade Picture

Trade overview EU-Japan

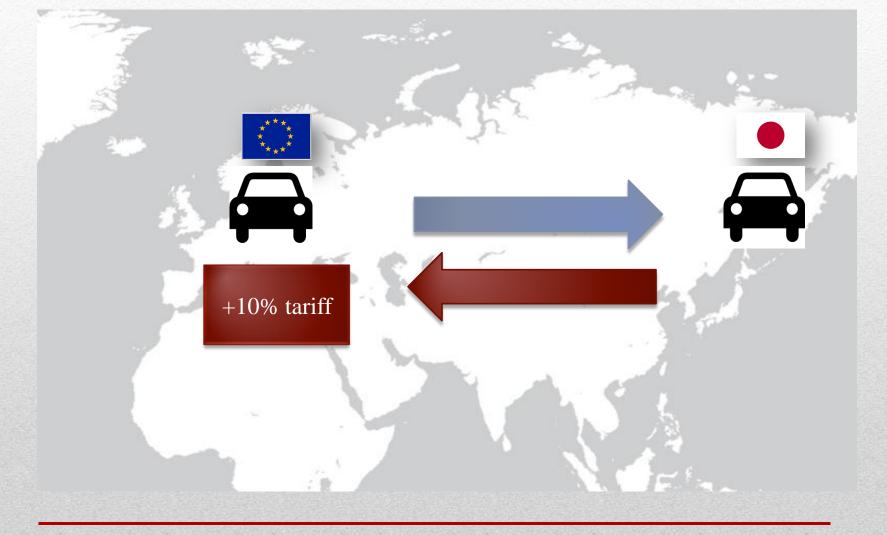


- European Export to Japan spreads across several sectors
- EU imports from Japan are concentrated to certain sectors

EU Japan Automotive Trade



Cost of Trade - Tariffs



Cost of Trade - Total

+10% tariff

NTM's estimated to +10%

+Homologation costs Safety & Environmental standards Emission, Conformity

FTA CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Dismantling the NTMs

- Task force and roadmaps by GOJ
- Progress made
 - Relaxation of zoning requirements
 - Approval of international standards for high pressure tanks & pyrotechnic safety devise
- Negotiations continued after year 1
- Harmonization of standards and certification requirements
 - UN ECE Regulations
 - International Whole Vehicle Type Approval
 - Mutual Recognition

Keilight)Cars(軽自動 車)

- Kei car definition: <660 cc
- 39% of passenger car market
- Benefits



- Acquisition tax 2% Kei vs 3% PC (abolished 2016)
- Tonnage tax ¥3300 flat rate, PC ¥4100/tonne
- Automotive based on cylinder capacity flat for kei cars (¥7200)
- Parking exemption, toll roads benefits
- Too high investment for EU makers
- ACEA demands regulatory change so that European cars can compete on equal terms

Japanese Import – a threat?

Japanese Manufacturers already integrated in EU

- 85% of Japanese cars sold in EU are produced locally
 - 14 production plants &16 R&D centers
 - 162 000 jobs in the EU are tied to Japanese manufacturers
 - 80% of parts sourced locally
 - 243 000 vehicles exported globally from EU
- Strong weak yen
- Taste cannot be regulated!

Japanese imported cars 3% market share in EU EU imported cars 5% market share in Japan





Potential of Japanese Market?

Challenges on the Japanese Market

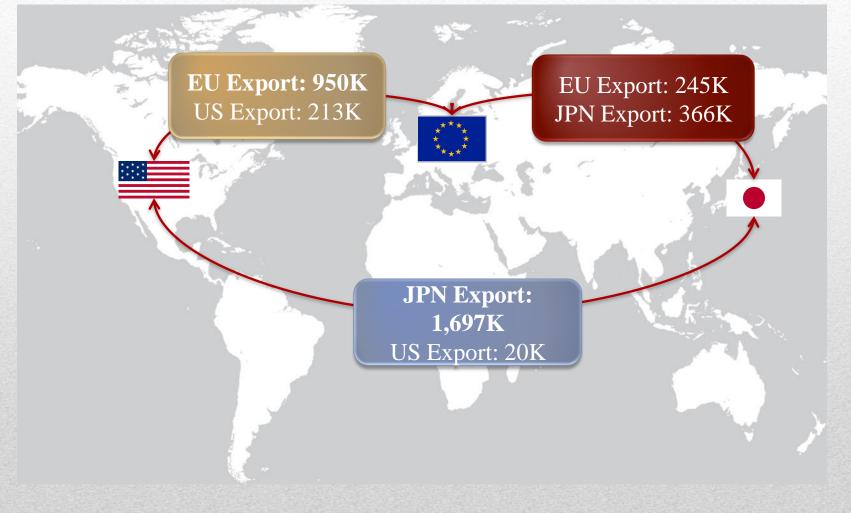
- Japan aging and decreasing population
- Between 2010 and 2020 market set to decline by 660 000 units.
- Demanding customers
- Complicated distribution network

...but

- 127 million homogeneous & loyal consumers
- High standard of living & high purchase power
- European brands popular in Japan
- European car producers >90% of Japan's import
- Export can increase by 84% with removal of NTMs through a FTA

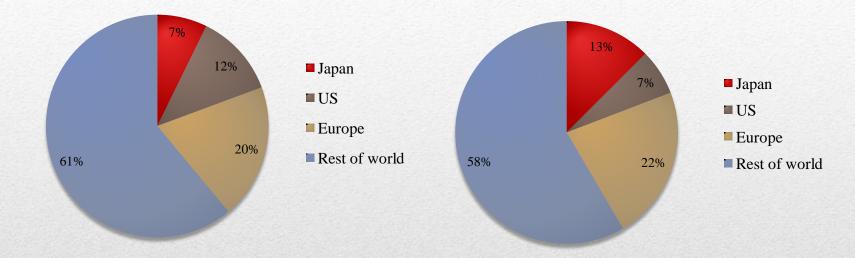
THE FTA IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Three major Trade partners



Source: JAMA Motor Vehicle Statistics of Japan 2014, ACEA The Automobile Industry Pocket Guide 2014-2015

Importance of working together

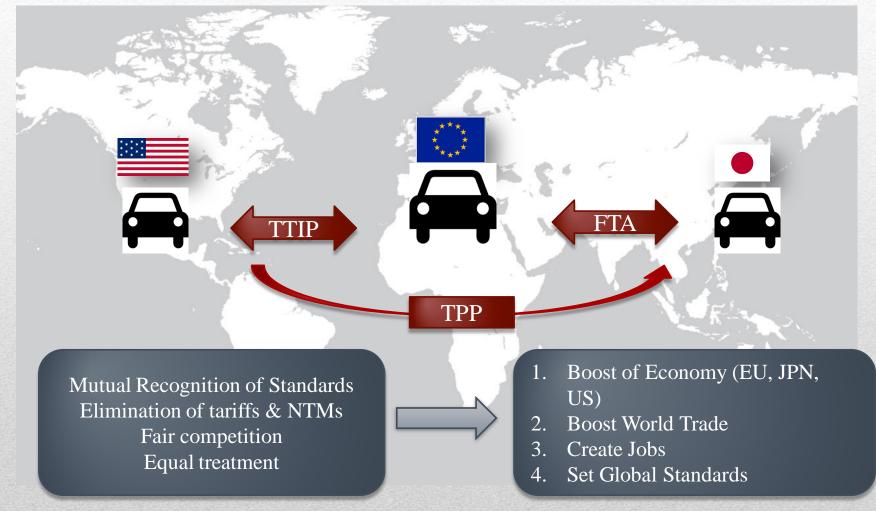


Global sales of cars 2013. Source OICA

Global production of cars 2013. Source OICA

The EU, US and Japan make up 40% of global production & sales

Automotive is Global!





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