

ANNEX 2

DEFINITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MULTISECTORAL FRAMEWORK

The ‘motor vehicle industry’ means the development, manufacture and assembly of ‘motor vehicles’, ‘engines’ for motor vehicles and ‘modules or sub-systems’ for such vehicles or engines, either direct by a manufacturer or by a ‘first-tier component supplier’ and, in the latter case, only in the context of an ‘overall project’.

(a) Motor vehicles

The term ‘motor vehicles’ means passenger cars, vans, trucks, road tractors, buses, coaches and other commercial vehicles. It does not include racing cars, vehicles intended for off-road use (for example, vehicles designed for use on snow or for carrying persons on golf courses), motorcycles, trailers, agricultural and forestry tractors, caravans, special purpose vehicles (for example, firefighting vehicles, mobile workshops), dump trucks, works' trucks (for example, forklift trucks, straddle carrier trucks and platform trucks) and military vehicles intended for armies.

(b) Engines for motor vehicles

The term ‘motor vehicle engines’ means compression and spark ignition engines as well as electric motors and turbine, gas, hybrid or other engines for motor vehicles.

(c) Modules and sub-systems

A ‘module’ or a ‘sub-system’ means a set of primary components intended for a vehicle or engine which is produced, assembled or fitted by a first-tier component supplier and supplied through a computerised ordering system or on a just-in-time basis. Logistical supply and storage systems and subcontracted complete operations which form part of the production chain, such as the painting of sub-assemblies, should likewise be classified among these modules and sub-systems.

(d) First-tier component suppliers

A ‘first-tier component supplier’ means a supplier, whether independent or not, supplying a manufacturer, sharing responsibility for design and development (12), and manufacturing, assembling or supplying a vehicle manufacturer during the manufacturing or assembly stage with sub-assemblies or modules. As industrial partners, such suppliers are often linked to a manufacturer by a contract of approximately the same duration as the life of the model (for example, until the model is restyled). A first-tier component supplier may also supply services, especially logistical services, such as the management of a supply centre.

(e) Overall project

A manufacturer may, on the actual site of the investment or in one or several industrial parks in fairly close geographical proximity (13), integrate one or more projects of first-tier component suppliers for the supply of modules or sub-systems for the vehicles or engines being produced. An ‘overall project’ means one which groups together such projects. An overall project lasts for the life of the vehicle manufacturer's investment project. An investment of one first-tier component supplier is integrated within the definition of a global project if at least half the output resulting from that investment is delivered to the manufacturer concerned at the plant in question.