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I just had a meeting with eBay about e-commerce and TTIP.

Their priorities for TTIP are the following:

1. Customs duties – they would want to abolish customs duties for goods worth less than 1000 Euros (they recognise that the ambition is to abolish most tariffs, but think that such rule would give an important signal to consumers);
2. Trade facilitation - they want intermediaries, such as themselves, to be able to participate in authorised economic operators programs;
3. Consumer protection – eBay wants mutual recognition of alternative dispute resolution schemes;
4. IPR – consumer purchases should be exempted from trade mark exhaustion rules.

Surprisingly, they do not consider data flows to be a priority: they transfer data based on binding corporate rules (recognised by our current and future data protection regime) and the safe harbour review will not affect that.

They are also supportive of rules on online intermediaries' liability and localisation. [ **NOT RELEVANT** ]

Follow-up: eBay will send position papers on the abovementioned topics.