

IATF Future Direction and the changes to ISO/TS16949 webinar

Thursday 21 April | 10:30 - 11:30 AM BST

SMMT and SMMT Industry Forum are hosting an interactive webinar on the 21 April to provide an overview of the draft revisions to ISO/TS16949. The webinar follows on from the IATF Global Stakeholder review conference in Rome and will be a great opportunity to understand the key changes to the standard, timescales for release and details around the certificate transition process.

Topics include:

- Key areas of change within the new standard
- What's next - timing and implementation
- ISO/TS16949 transition process
- How to keep up-to-date with the changes
- Publications
- Training & implementation support

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SMMT are bringing their flagship events to Automechanika Birmingham at the NEC Birmingham on 7-9 June 2016, the UK's first trade show bringing over 10,000 visitors dedicated to automotive supply chain and aftermarket companies.

Anyone registered to SMMT's events will automatically gain access to the Automechanika exhibition and their seminars. For a full list of **their confirmed exhibitors**, [click here](#) and for their **seminar programme**, [click here](#).

Day one: 7 June – Open Forum

The Open Forum event already has confirmed to speak leading colleagues from Aston Martin Lagonda Ltd., GKN Plc. and Jaguar Land Rover. This industry-led event is shaping up to be a must attend for those interested in understanding the latest issues and opportunities and for a chance to network with a comprehensive section of the UK's supply chain. This event is free to attend for members of SMMT, non-members must pay £100 + VAT.

Day two: 8 June – Meet the Buyer

Meet the buyer will incorporate a presentation followed by a day of one-to-one meetings with automotive purchasers and suppliers to help build and retain supply chain relationships. The event is free to attend and is an invite only event.

Based on submitted profiles meeting requirements of the buyers, pre-scheduled meetings will take place at the request of each buyer. We are currently taking expressions of interest in attending the event which must be submitted by the 29 April 2016 here:

<http://meetthebuyer.autosupplierfinder.com>.

Confirmed buyers include:

Aisin Europe | Aston Martin | Bentley | Faurecia | Ford Europe | General Motors | Honda | Jaguar Land Rover | Lear Corp | McLaren | Nissan | Mini | Parker Hannifin | Sears Manufacturing | Toyota | UK-NS | ZF TRW

Day three: 9 June – UK Logistics and Aftermarket Forum

Both interactive Forums will open with a morning of focussed presentations led by leading figures in the field followed by a thought-provoking panel discussion and will then come together for an afternoon of joint seminar discussions.

For more information, [click here](#)

British CV exports up a third with nine in 10 bound for EU



Exports of British-built commercial vehicles (CVs) jumped by more than a third last year, with almost nine in 10 destined for EU countries, according to figures published today by SMMT. 47,052 of the 94,479 CVs made in Britain left UK shores in 2015 – up 34.7% over the previous year, and accounting for half (49.8%) of overall production. Of these, 41,428 (88%) went to markets within the EU.

The figures are a further indication of the recovery of Britain's CV sector, driven by resurgent European markets where new registrations increased 12.4% in 2015. That the majority of British commercials exported were built for sale on the continent is another demonstration of the importance of the EU as a trading partner for the UK automotive industry.

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Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks strengthen automotive

Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks has strengthened its support for UK automotive manufacturers with the appointment of one of the UK's most-respected industry experts.

Rachel Eade was honoured with an MBE for services to the UK's car manufacturing sector in 2014, and joins Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks on an advisory basis.

She will be based in the Bank's business and private banking centre in Birmingham, and will have a UK-wide role as part of Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks' specialist automotive team, established in 2015.

Rachel has more than twenty years' experience in automotive supply chain development. In her roles as operations manager of supply chain initiative Accelerate and as the national automotive lead for the Manufacturing Advisory Service, Rachel has worked with more than 5,000 companies.

Her role at Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank, working alongside head of manufacturing Kevin Rimmer and automotive director Heather Griffin, will be to support the bank's new and existing customers in the supply chain.

She will work closely with an automotive team set up to specifically support businesses in the sector, with a particular focus on those which require tooling finance. Manufacturers in the supply chain typically invest between £30,000 to £1m for each new piece of tooling, but tend not to see a return on that investment for around 18 months. The Bank's financial support includes a rolling tooling finance facility which allows automotive manufacturers access to funding as and when they require new tools, rather than having to apply for funding every time a new tool is required.

Kevin Rimmer, Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks' head of manufacturing, said: "Rachel's experience working with UK manufacturers and supply chain partners is unrivalled. She is regularly called upon to work with industry bodies and support programmes, to drive innovation in the sector and to develop the next generation of industry leaders. She will work closely with our customers to unlock opportunities and improve supply chain efficiencies."

Rachel Eade said: "Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks are committed to the growth of the UK's automotive sector, and I am looking forward to supporting new and existing customers, and the bank's own industry experts."

More than half of UK's new cars now sold with autonomous safety tech

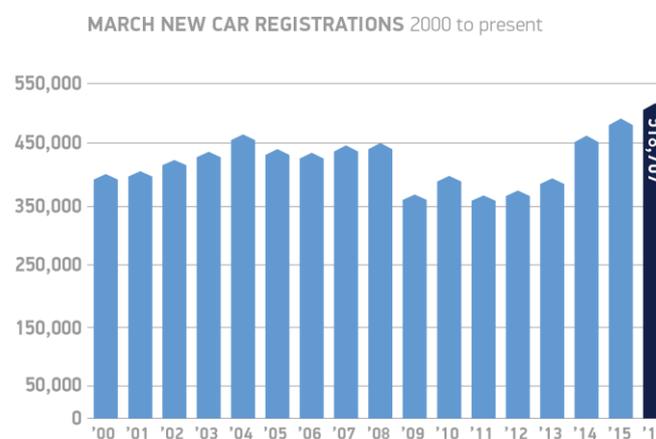
Self driving vehicles may seem years away, but more than 1.5 million of the cars that leave UK showrooms each year already feature self-activating safety systems, according to analysis from SMMT.

Data from SMMT and JATO Dynamics shows that more than half of new cars registered in 2015 were available with safety-enhancing collision warning systems, with other technologies such as adaptive cruise control, autonomous emergency braking and blind spot monitoring also growing in popularity.

Semi-autonomous vehicle technology not only eases the task of driving, but importantly, has the potential to reduce significantly the risk of serious accidents.

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Record month for UK new car market as 16 plate-change increases demand



New car market grows 5.3% in March as more than half a million buyers take advantage of popular plate change.

Registrations increase 5.1% in 2016 Q1, to 771,780 units.

Alternative fuel vehicles see 21.5% jump in demand, with robust growth in diesel and petrol registrations.

The UK's new car market grew by 5.3% in March, making it the biggest ever month since the bi-annual plate change began in 1999, according to figures published today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

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