

## Successfully shaping European trade policy

### Twelve VdTÜV Requirements for EU Trade Agreements

1. Success for international trade with “Bilateral and Multilateral Conformity Assessment” (one-stop shopping) – building trust and easing market access.
2. A uniform conformity mark from independent, accredited testing laboratories for products in the markets of trading partners – creating transparency and identity.
3. One accreditation body for the markets of trading partners (one-stop shopping) – efficient proof of competence.
4. Mutual recognition only when reasonable and useful – taking due account of different cultures and legal traditions, and thus, divergent regulatory systems.
5. Deciding whether product requirements are of equal value – evaluation with the help of independent third parties.
6. Legal harmonisation – with priority to be given to the goal of higher protection, as well as to a stricter conformity assessment procedure.
7. Legal harmonisation – without product authorisation performed by governmental bodies.
8. Legal harmonisation – with a preventive approach, maintaining the European precautionary principle and tried-and-tested protective standards.
9. Maintaining legislative independence alongside regulatory cooperation.
10. Ensuring a uniformly structured and transparent standardisation system.
11. Making consistent use of international standards without additional requirements – voluntarily and privately organised and financed.
12. Unlimited, discrimination-free market access, in both legal and real terms – no “one-way street” in the course of bilateral and multilateral trade agreements.