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Honda to recall 1.2 million vehicles in North America to replace Takata airbags

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Honda Motor Co said on Tuesday it would recall 1.2 million Honda and Acura vehicles in North America to replace defective Takata airbags on the driver's side.

The Honda logo is displayed at the 89th Geneva International Motor Show in Geneva, Switzerland March 5, 2019. REUTERS/Pierre Albouy

The company said here it was aware of one injury linked to the defect, which may have caused the airbag to rupture when it was deployed in a crash.

Of the 23 total deaths worldwide linked to faulty Takata airbags, 21 have occurred in Honda vehicles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the recall covers 1.1 million U.S. vehicles and is to replace inflators received "either as a permanent Takata airbag inflator recall replacement or as a service part installed following a crash or problem with the airbag itself."

Another 100,000 vehicles are being recalled in Canada, Mexico and Central America, Honda said.

The Honda models being recalled include 2001-2007 and 2009 Honda Accord, 2001-2005 Honda Civic, 2002-2007 and 2010-2011 Honda CR-V, 2003-2011 Honda Element, 2007 Honda Fit, 2002-2004 Honda Odyssey, 2003-2008 Honda Pilot, and 2006-2014 Honda Ridgeline.

The Acura models include 2003 Acura 3.2CL, 2013-2016 Acura ILX, 2003-2006 Acura MDX, 2002-2003 Acura 3.2TL, 2004-2006 and 2009-2014 Acura TL, 2007-2016 Acura RDX, and 2010-2013 Acura ZDX.

More than 290 injuries worldwide have been linked to Takata inflators that could explode, spraying metal shrapnel inside cars and trucks. In total, 19 automakers are recalling more than 100 million potentially faulty inflators worldwide. Repairs of the recalled Hondas and Acuras will begin immediately in the United States with replacement parts made by alternate suppliers, Honda said.



Honda's logo on its Modulo model is pictured at its showroom at its headquarters in Tokyo

Britain and Brexit in chaos: parliament rejects May's EU deal again

LONDON (Reuters) - British lawmakers crushingly rejected Prime Minister Theresa May's deal to quit the European Union on Tuesday, thrusting Brexit into turmoil just 17 days before the planned departure date.

MPs voted against May's amended Brexit deal by 391 to 242 as her last-minute talks with EU chiefs on Monday to assuage her critics' concerns ultimately proved fruitless.

The vote puts the world's fifth largest economy in uncharted territory with no obvious way forward; exiting the EU without a deal, delaying the March 29 divorce date, a snap election or even another referendum are all now possible.

mentary support in the hope that hardline eurosceptic MPs in her Conservative Party, the most vocal critics of her withdrawal treaty, might change their minds if it becomes more likely that Britain might stay in the EU after all.

While she lost, the margin of defeat was smaller than the record 230-vote loss her deal suffered in January.

MPs will now vote on Wednesday on whether Britain should quit the world's biggest trading bloc without a deal, a scenario that business

leaders warn would bring chaos to markets and supply chains, and other critics say could cause shortages of food and medicines.

May said the government would not instruct her own party's MPs how to vote. An opposition Labour Party spokesman said this meant she had "given up any pretence of leading the country".

The prime minister, hoarse after Monday's late-night talks, told MPs: "Let me be clear. Voting against leaving without a deal and for an extension does not solve the problems we face."

She said parliament was now at an impasse: "Does it wish to revoke Article 50 (announcing intention to leave the EU)? Does it want to hold a second referendum? Or does it want to leave with a deal, but not this deal?"

British Prime Minister Theresa May reacts after tellers announced the results of the vote Brexit deal in Parliament in London, Britain



Tellers announce the results of the vote on British Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal in Parliament in London

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EU suspends Boeing 737 MAX flights after Ethiopia crash

ADDIS ABABA/PARIS (Reuters) - The European Union's aviation safety regulator on Tuesday suspended all flights in the bloc by Boeing 737 MAX planes in the biggest setback yet for the U.S. planemaker following a crash in Ethiopia that killed 157 people.

The move came after Britain, Germany and France joined a wave of suspensions of the aircraft in the wake of Sunday's crash, and was swiftly followed by a similar decision by India, piling pressure on the United States to follow suit.

Boeing, the world's biggest planemaker, which has seen billions of dollars wiped off its market value, said it understood the countries' actions but retained "full confidence" in the 737 MAX and had safety as its priority.

It also said the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) had not demanded any further action related to 737 MAX operations.

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The cause of Sunday's crash, which followed another disaster with a 737 MAX five months ago in Indonesia that killed 189 people, remains unknown.

There is no evidence yet whether the two crashes are linked.

In an unusual move, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) said it was suspending all flights in the bloc of Boeing's 737 MAX 8 and 9 jets.

"Based on all available information, EASA considers that further actions may be necessary to ensure the continued airworthiness of the two affected models," it said in a statement. However, it shied away from the even rarer step of pulling the safety certification for the plane itself, focusing instead on the softer process of restricting its use by airlines. The move leaves some leeway for the FAA to decide its own approach. The decision by some states to ban not only arrivals and departures but flights crossing through

their airspace surprised some regulatory sources even in regions banning the plane, since overflights are usually protected by international law.

VICTIMS FROM 30 NATIONS

Earlier, countries including Singapore, Australia and Malaysia also temporarily suspended the aircraft, following China, Indonesia and others the day before.

Experts say it is too early to speculate on the reason for the crash. Most are caused by a unique chain of human and technical factors.

A page of a flight crew operations manual is seen at the scene of the Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET 302 plane crash, near the town of Bishoftu, near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia March 12, 2019. REUTERS/Baz Ratner

Given problems of identification at the charred disaster site, Ethiopian Airlines said it would take at least five days to start handing remains to families.

The victims came from more than 30 different nations, and included nearly two dozen U.N. staff.



FILE PHOTO: A Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft bearing the logo of China Southern Airlines is parked at a Boeing production facility in Renton, Washington, U.S. March 11, 2019. REUTERS/David Ryder/File Photo



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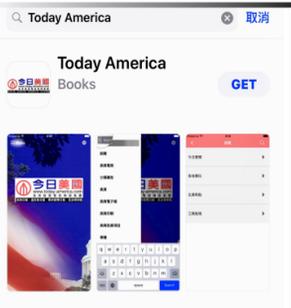
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Former Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli, accused of illegal wire taps and breach of privacy laws, leaves an oral hearing in Panama City



FILE PHOTO: FILE PHOTO: FILE PHOTO: U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer listens as Chinese Vice Premier Liu He talks while they line up for a group photo at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing



An employee cleans a store inside a shopping mall after looting in Maracaibo, Venezuela March 12, 2019. REUTERS/Issac Urrutia



FILE PHOTO: U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer testifies before House Ways and Means Committee hearing on "U.S.-China Trade" on Capitol Hill in Washington U.S., February 27, 2019. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque/File Photo



Brazil's Prosecutor General Raquel Dodge is seen after a meeting between Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro and Paraguay's President Mario Abdo, in Brasilia



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May is seen outside the Houses of Parliament in London



Anti-Brexit supporters gather outside the Parliament in London



FILE PHOTO: Felicity Huffman arrives at the 23rd Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles



In late December 2018 President Donald Trump signed the 2018 Farm Bill changing the hemp and CBD (cannabidiol) industry overnight.

THE BANNING + REVIVAL OF A NON-PSYCHOACTIVE PLANT

Hemp cultivation has not always been banned. Hemp was once an agricultural staple - its durable fibers used for numerous products including canvas, cloth and rope.

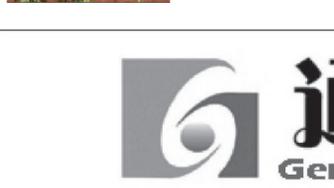
In the 1970s, The Controlled Substance Act classified cannabis as a schedule 1 drug. Since hemp is cannabis, industrial hemp farming was banned.

THE 2018 FARM BILL WILL FREE HEMP FROM FEDERAL REGULATION

With the signing of the 2018 Farm Bill, hemp farming will no longer be limited to the terms of the pilot program detailed in the 2014 Farm Bill.

ENDING THE LEGALITY DEBATE

Since hemp cultivation is federally restricted, there is a bit of a grey area about the legality of hemp-derived CBD and other hemp products.



OPENING THE DOOR TO SPONSORED RESEARCH

While hemp CBD is not a medication

The Hemp Industry Is Expected To Evolve Into A \$22 Billion Market By 2022. Hemp Could Free The U.S. From Oil, Prevent Deforestation, Cure Cancer And It's Environmentally Friendly

The Significance Of The 2018 Farm Bill For The U.S. Hemp Industry

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

or cure for any medical condition, research shows that the cannabidiol (CBD) in hemp oil has the potential to provide significant health benefits.

THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE 2018 FARM BILL ON THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Until the passing of the 2014 Farm Bill, the U.S. relied solely on imported hemp. With the approval of the 2018 Farm Bill, we anticipate a large influx of capital into the hemp market.

The signing of the 2018 Farm Bill will provide economic stimulation, bring countless jobs and income potential back to the American soil.

Back in 1941, Henry Ford built a car that was not only entirely built from 'hemp plastic', but also ran on hemp fuel.

plastic-like material, which is extremely durable, yet nevertheless is completely natural and biodegradable, which could replace plastics in numerous industrial processes.

What does the 2018 farm bill do for hemp? The 2018 Farm Bill is more expansive. It allows hemp cultivation broadly, not simply pilot programs for studying market interest in hemp-derived products.

pletely free system in which individuals or businesses can grow hemp whenever and wherever they want.

Historical Use Of Hemp

Hemp is the most universally useful plant we have at our disposal. The history of mankind's use of hemp can be traced way back in time to between about 5000 - 7000 BC.



There were many uses for hemp in ancient Egypt.

Up until and even during WWII, hemp was a widely grown crop, which provided the world with an excellent and most durable source of fibre.

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Misinformation About THC

Hemp is a variety of cannabis sativa that has a long history of use in the United States. However, since the 1950s it has been lumped into the same category of marijuana.

Industrial hemp has very low Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) levels, which is the principal psychoactive constituent. Compared to marijuana which is specifically cultivated for personal psychoactive use, it is nearly impossible to "get high" on hemp.

Furthermore, industrial hemp has higher concentrations of a chemical called Cannabidiol (CBD) that has a negative effect on THC and lessens its psychoactive effects when smoked in conjunction.



The two also differ in the areas that they can be effectively grown. THC-producing Marijuana must be grown in generally warm and humid environments in order to produce the desired quantity and quality of THC-contain-

ing buds. However, since industrial hemp does not contain these buds, and the hardy parts of the plant are the more desired, it can be grown in a wider range of areas.

Abundant Resources Hemp provides the fibre to make a durable paper - a far more sensible solution than the wasteful method of clear cutting old growth forests, or even the cultivation pine plantations that are ecologically speaking dead zones that take 20 years to mature before they can be harvested.



Hemp has the strongest natural fibres, which can be used not just to produce rough cloth, such as sails or canvass, but also durable work clothes, like the original jeans.

Hemp fibres are also finding application as a modern building material, an application that has been spearheaded and exploited successfully in France.

(Courtesy http://healthcureusa.com/) Additional reading: Andrew Weil's article on hemp oil at https://www.ratical.org/renewables/TherapHoil.html.

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