



the **TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP**

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) levels the playing field for American workers and American businesses, leading to more Made-in-America exports and more higher-paying American jobs here at home. By cutting over 18,000 taxes various countries put on Made-in-America products, TPP makes sure our farmers, ranchers, manufacturers and small businesses can compete—and win—in some of the fastest growing markets in the world. With more than 95 percent of the world’s consumers living outside our borders, TPP will significantly expand the export of Made-in-America goods and services and support American jobs.



Ensuring Food Safety

TPP is an opportunity to set better standards for food safety. TPP promotes the use of transparent and science-based rules, and allows the United States to help TPP countries improve their food safety systems. At the same time, TPP does not require any changes to U.S. food safety laws or regulations.

HOW TPP ENSURES FOOD SAFETY

TPP helps strengthen food safety standards by:

- Ensuring the ability of U.S. and other TPP regulatory agencies to **regulate for the protection of food safety and plant and animal health**.
- Ensuring food safety measures are developed and implemented in a **science-based manner**, as we do in the United States.
- **Enhancing transparency** in the development of food safety measures.
- Establishing tough customs provisions and provisions on rules of origin to help the U.S. **combat illegal transshipments, including those of seafood**.
- Developing a consultative mechanism for regulatory experts to **resolve food safety issues** in a timely fashion.
- Making most food safety obligations **enforceable through a dispute settlement process** should the consultative mechanism not be successful.



- Trade agreements are an opportunity for America to launch a **race to the top**, encouraging other countries to move toward our higher standards. This includes **better standards for food safety**.
- TPP does not require any **changes to U.S. food safety laws or regulations**. Instead, the agreement will be an **important tool to improve food safety systems in other countries**.
- TPP allows the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to continue taking all necessary steps to effectively protect Americans from unsafe foods, including by **better aligning food safety systems in other countries with our own**.
- TPP promotes the use of **transparent and science-based regulatory processes** by our trading partners and provides opportunities for the United States to use **technical assistance to help TPP countries improve their food safety systems**.
- TPP also includes **tough customs provisions** and provisions on **rules of origin** to help the U.S. **combat illegal transshipments from third countries**, including those of seafood.
- This isn't just good for public health—it's **good for our economy**, too. When other countries enact unscientific, discriminatory measures, unfair barriers to trade are erected that hurt American farmers, fishermen, ranchers and food processors.
- TPP ensures that all countries use science to support their food safety standards, as well as animal and plant health standards.
- Strong food safety systems that are based on science are a **win-win for public health and our economy**.

What's in the Trans-Pacific Partnership?

Learn everything you need to know about what's in the deal and who it helps.

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