



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.



Promoting Transparency in Negotiations

The Administration has taken unprecedented steps to increase transparency of our TPP negotiations to maximize input from key stakeholders, including labor and environmental groups. These steps have resulted in more diverse input, public dialogue, and outreach than on any trade agreement in history.

HOW WE HAVE INCREASED TRANSPARENCY IN TPP

During TPP negotiations, the Administration has:

- Supported provisions in the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation governing Congressional consideration of TPP that require the **text of the agreement** to be made **available online to the public at least 60 days before the President signs it**.
- Published **detailed summaries of U.S. objectives** in negotiating all aspects of the agreement.
- **Solicited public comments** on negotiating aims, priorities and concerns.
- **Held public hearings** inviting input on the negotiations.
- Consulted with and sought advice from Members of Congress and staff, including by holding over **1,800 Congressional briefings** on TPP.

- Ensured that every **Member of Congress was able to review full TPP text** in the Capitol with staff members during the negotiation process (including elements that were still under negotiation).
- **Provided Members of Congress with plain English summaries** of TPP chapters to assist Members in navigating the negotiating text.
- **Previewed U.S. proposals with Congressional committees** before taking them to the negotiations.
- Provided **access to review text during the negotiation process to the entire Congressionally-mandated trade advisory committee system**, including representatives from **small business, state and local governments, labor unions, NGOs, and environmental groups**.
- Organized events during negotiating rounds for **stakeholders to present their views to our negotiators directly**.



- Throughout the TPP negotiations, the Administration held over **1,800 Congressional briefings** on TPP, **published detailed summaries** of U.S. negotiating objectives, **solicited public comments** on negotiating priorities and concerns, and **held public hearings** on TPP.
- The Administration fully supported provisions in the 2015 TPA legislation that require the **text of the agreement** to be made **available online to the public at least 60 days before the President signs any agreement**.
- We have also appointed a **Chief Transparency Officer** to consult with Congress on transparency policy, coordinate transparency in trade negotiations, and engage and assist the public.

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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