



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.



Strengthening Good Governance

The U.S. has an unprecedented opportunity to raise good governance standards across the Asia-Pacific through TPP. If we do not take the lead, we risk ceding leadership to other countries that do not share our commitment to these values. Better governance translates into stronger economies, sustainable growth, and a more conducive environment for U.S. investment and trade. In TPP, we have set a new high standard for action against corruption through a trade agreement, including commitments to adopt, maintain, and enforce criminal laws to deter corruption by public officials, to maintain codes of conduct to promote integrity among public officials, to adopt laws criminalizing corruption in accounting practice, and to effectively enforce anticorruption laws.

HOW TPP STRENGTHENS GOOD GOVERNANCE

TPP helps strengthen good governance in TPP countries by requiring them to:

- Join the **United Nations Convention Against Corruption** (UNCAC).
- **Criminalize bribery of public officials**—and soliciting or receiving such bribes.
- Have in place a **code of conduct for public officials** and take measures to **decrease conflicts of interest**.

- Take steps to discourage illegitimate gifts, including by training public officials, facilitate **reporting of corruption**, and provide for discipline of public officials engaging in acts of corruption.
- **Effectively enforce anticorruption laws and regulations.**
- Involve **private organizations** in the fight against corruption.
- **Adopt laws** criminalizing corruption in **accounting practices.**
- Ensure that **all laws**, regulations, procedures, and administrative rulings regarding any issue covered by the TPP agreement are **made publicly available.**
- **Give citizens the opportunity to provide input** on any proposed measures relating to issues covered by the TPP agreement.



- TPP includes the **strongest anti-corruption and transparency standards of any trade agreement.**
- Addressing these issues is vital to promoting the development of markets where the U.S. does business, and promoting the American values of **good governance, rule of law, and respect for human rights.**
- TPP includes commitments to **adopt, maintain, and enforce criminal laws to prevent corruption by public officials**, to maintain codes of conduct to **promote integrity among public officials**, to adopt laws criminalizing corruption in accounting practice and to **effectively enforce their anticorruption laws.**
- Finally, TPP sets a **new standard for transparency**, including the **maintenance of robust systems for allowing public input prior to the adoption of new laws and regulations** and, once they are adopted, for **easy access to information** on how those measures operate.

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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