

FTAs as a Growth Strategy for Asia

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Status of FTAs in the Asia-Pacific Region

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Stock take of FTAs

Country	On-Going Negotiations	Concluded
Australia	China, GCC, India, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, RCEP and TPP	AANZFTA, Chile, New Zealand, US, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand
Brunei	RCEP, TPP	AFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AANZFTA, Japan
China	GCC, Australia, Iceland, Norway, SACU	ASEAN, Pakistan, Chile, New Zealand, Singapore, Peru, Costa Rica, Hong Kong (ECER), Macau (ECER),
Indonesia	RCEP, EFTA	AFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AANZFTA, Japan, Pakistan
Japan	Australia, GCC, Korea, Mongolia, Canada, RCEP	ASEAN, Singapore, Mexico, Malaysia, Chile, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines, Switzerland, Viet Nam, India, Peru

Country	On-Going Negotiations	Concluded
South Korea	Canada, Mexico, GCC, Australia, New Zealand, China, Viet Nam, Indonesia, CJK, RCEP	Chile, Singapore, ASEAN, EFTA, India, EU, Peru, US, Turkey, Colombia
Malaysia	RCEP, TPP, EFTA, Turkey, EU	AFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AANZFTA, Japan, Pakistan, New Zealand, Chile, Australia, India
New Zealand	GCC, Russia-Belarus-Kazakhstan, India, Korea, RCEP, TPP	Hong Kong, Malaysia, AANZFTA, China, P4, Thailand, Singapore, Australia
Singapore	Canada, Mexico, Pakistan, Ukraine, RCEP, TPP	AFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AANZFTA, Japan, Australia, China, Jordan, India, Korea, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, EFTA, US, P4, Costa Rica, GCC, EU
Viet Nam	RCEP, TPP, EU,	AFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AANZFTA, Japan,

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

- A free trade agreement that aims to further liberalise the economies of the Asia-Pacific region.
- Negotiations commenced in March 2010.
- Current Membership: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, United States and Viet Nam



SCOPE AND STRUCTURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

TRADITIONAL AREAS

- GOODS
- RULES OF ORIGIN
- SPS
- TBT
- CUSTOMS
- TRADE REMEDIES
- SERVICES
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- E-COMMERCE
- INVESTMENT
- NCMs
- COOPERATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING
- LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL

NEW AREAS

- GP
- COMPETITION
- IPR
- LABOUR
- ENVIRONMENT
- FINANCIAL SERVICES
- SOEs

TPP 21ST CENTURY

- REGULATORY COHERENCE
- COMPETITIVENESS AND BUSINESS FACILITATION
- SME
- DEVELOPMENT

**20 Working Groups
Covering 29 Chapters**

STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS

- 15 Rounds of Negotiations concluded.
- Negotiations have been concluded on:
 - Section A: Pure Competition;
 - Cooperation and Capacity Building; and
 - Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- TPP Leaders have instructed for the negotiations to be concluded in 2013.
- More progress in text negotiations than market access
- Difficult areas – SOEs, IPR, Labour, Environment

Key Features of TPP

- **HIGHER COMMITMENTS**
- **COMPREHENSIVE LIBERALISATION**
 - Wider Coverage
 - Deeper Commitments
- **NO EXCLUSIONS**
- **SERVICES AND INVESTMENT – Negative List**
 - Greater Transparency
 - Pro-liberalisation Dynamic
 - New Services – Automatically Liberalised
- **WTO PLUS**

TPP – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS



Longer
Copyright
Protection
**Higher Cost of
Medicines**

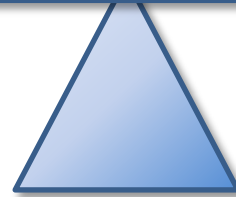
*Transfer of
Technology*

*Late
Entry of
Generics*

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Rights of Consumers

Rights of IP Holders



Free Trade \neq Erosion of Labour Rights
and Environmental Degradation

VS

Labour Rights
and Environmental Protection \equiv Trade Barrier



***Freedom of
Association*** ***No
Discrimination***
***No Forced
Labour***

Regulatory Coherence – Behind the Border

- Not Regulatory Harmonisation
- Introducing Good Regulatory Practices
 - Extensive Consultations
 - RIAs
 - Internationally Accepted Best Practices
 - Central Coordination
- Benefit – More Transparency, More Engagement, More Predictability in Rule-Making.

COMPETITIVENESS AND BUSINESS FACILITATION



- Looking into Supply-Chains
 - Consultations with “interested persons”
 - Continuous Review
- Benefit – Ensuring TPP members are part of the Regional and Global Supply Chain

SMEs

- Integrating SMEs into the Global Supply Chain
 - Address access to information
 - Committee to be established to:
 - Identify ways to assist SMEs to take advantage of the opportunities
 - Explore opportunities for Capacity Building
 - Facilitate development of programmes to assist SME integration into the Global Supply Chain

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

- Launched – November 2012 at ASEAN Summit
- An ‘alternative’ to ASEAN+3 and ASEAN+6
- Deeper integration of ASEAN and FTA partners
- 40% of global trade; 47 % of global population
- Initial coverage – Goods, Services and Investment. IPR, competition and eco-tech to be included
- S&D for CLMV
- Discussion on scope - end February 2013
- Target completion – 2015

Thank you