



Initial Provisions and General Definitions

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 different countries put on Made-in-America products, TPP makes sure our farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, service suppliers, 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This chapter organizes and provides overall structure for the TPP Agreement; sets out the relationship between the TPP Agreement and other

agreements already in place among the TPP Parties (in particular the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement, but also existing free trade agreements among the TPP Parties); and defines technical terms used in more than one chapter of the Agreement.

CHAPTER OVERVIEW

Relation to Other Agreements

The TPP Parties have obligations to each other under other agreements, such as the WTO Agreement. This chapter affirms that these other agreements remain in place. In addition, although we have been careful to ensure that TPP does not create any obligations that would be inconsistent with any of our existing agreements (including the WTO Agreement), a TPP Party may request consultations with another Party if it believes there is an inconsistency.

In many cases, TPP will broaden or improve upon commitments in existing agreements. For example, the commitments Mexico, Canada, Chile, Singapore, Australia, and Peru have made in TPP's Labor and Environment chapters broaden and improve upon NAFTA and previous FTAs. Regardless of the agreements, TPP Parties will be obligated to implement TPP's more ambitious standards.

General Definitions

The chapter provides definitions of terms that are used in more than one chapter of the Agreement. Specific chapters also provide definitions of terms that are only used in those chapters.

