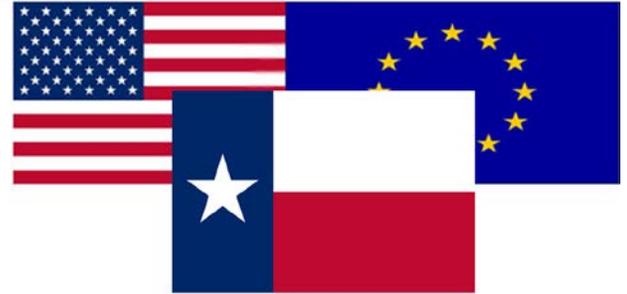




Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP)

Opportunities for Texas



T-TIP stands to be an ambitious, comprehensive, and high-standard trade and investment agreement that offers significant benefits for U.S. companies and workers through eliminating existing trade barriers and better enabling U.S. companies and workers to compete. **T-TIP will provide significant new opportunities for U.S. industry, as approximately one-fifth of all U.S. goods and services exports go to the European Union (EU). In 2013, every billion dollars of U.S. exports supported 5,590 jobs. In that same year, U.S. goods and services exports to the EU supported an estimated 2.5 million U.S. jobs.**

Key Opportunities for Texas's Industries

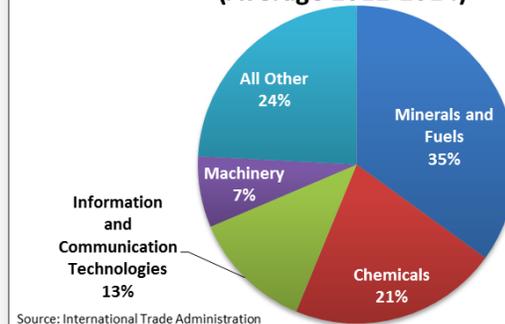
Minerals and Fuels

The minerals and fuels sector accounted for **35 percent** of Texas's total exports to the EU between 2012 and 2014. During that same period Minerals and Fuels exports to the EU from Texas averaged **\$10.2 billion** annually. The EU currently has tariffs on minerals and fuels products as high as 8 percent. Texas companies would likely benefit from reduced tariffs in this sector as a result of the agreement.

Chemicals

The chemicals sector accounted for **21 percent** of Texas's total exports to the EU between 2012 and 2014. During that same period chemical product exports to the EU from Texas averaged **\$6.1 billion** annually. The EU currently has tariffs on chemical products as high as 6.5 percent. Texas companies would likely benefit from reduced tariffs in this sector as a result of the agreement. Chemical exports could also benefit from T-TIP provisions that promote regulatory efficiencies and reduce regulatory compliance costs.

Texas's Top Goods Exports to the EU
(Average 2012-2014)



Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

The ICT sector accounted for **14 percent** of Texas's total exports to the EU between 2012 and 2014. During that same period ICT exports to the EU from Texas averaged **\$3.6 billion** annually. The EU currently has tariffs on ICT products as high as 14 percent. Texas companies would likely benefit from reduced tariffs in this sector as a result of the agreement.

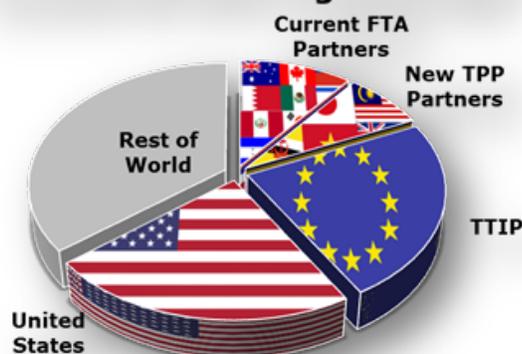
Exports Sustain Thousands of Texas Businesses including SMEs

A total of 41,558 companies exported from Texas locations in 2013. Of those, 38,735 (93.2 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees. Small and medium-sized firms generated over one-third (34.9 percent) of Texas's total exports of merchandise in 2013.

Texas exported \$29.9 billion annually in goods to the EU (2012-2014 average). Texas's goods exports to the EU increased by 5 percent from 2012 to 2014. During this period, 11 percent of Texas's total goods exports went to the EU.

The EU's tariff elimination as part of T-TIP would provide new market access that could benefit Texas's exports. Exports from Texas could also benefit from efforts in T-TIP to achieve new market access commitments in services and investment, improve the regulatory environment, and establish global best practices.

With TTIP & TPP, the United States & its trade agreements partners will account for 64% of global GDP



How Past FTAs Have Benefitted Texas

The United States currently has free trade agreements in force with **20 countries**, which account for **\$176.4 billion (61 percent)** of Texas's exports in 2014. During the past 10 years (2005-2014), exports from Texas to these markets grew by **118 percent**, with NAFTA, Colombia, Korea, CAFTA-DR, and Chile showing the largest dollar growth during this period.

In Their Own Words: T-TIP Comments

Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)

"We see significant potential for a TTIP to increase transatlantic trade of telecommunications goods and services. As the two largest telecommunications markets in the world, the benefits of a comprehensive agreement will likely have a significant commercial benefit to the United States and Europe."

Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA)

"Our member companies manufacture a diverse set of products including power transmission and distribution equipment, lighting systems, factory automation and control systems, and medical diagnostic imaging systems. Saving time and money not having to pay import duties could provide for notable efficiencies and re-programming of company resources into more productive activities."

The American Farm Bureau Federation

"The American Farm Bureau Federation, a U.S. general farm organization, supports efforts to increase agricultural trade flows and remove several major impediments to this flow that currently exist between the United States and the European Union."