Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP)

Opportunities for Wyoming

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 Wyoming’s Industries

Chemicals

The chemicals sector accounted for 78 percent of Wyoming’s total exports to the EU between 2012 and 2014. During that same period chemical product exports to the EU from Wyoming averaged $82 million annually. The EU currently has tariffs on chemical products as high as 6.5 percent. Wyoming 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.

High-tech Instruments

The high-tech instruments sector accounted for 8 percent of Wyoming’s total exports to the EU between 2012 and 2014. During that same period high-tech instrument exports to the EU from Wyoming averaged $8 million annually. The EU currently has tariffs on high-tech instruments as high as 6.7 percent. Wyoming companies would likely benefit from reduced tariffs in this sector as a result of the agreement.

Minerals and Fuels

The minerals and fuels sector accounted for 3 percent of Wyoming’s total exports to the EU between 2012 and 2014. During that same period minerals and fuels exports to the EU from Wyoming averaged $3 million annually. The EU currently has tariffs on minerals and fuels as high as 8 percent. Wyoming companies would likely benefit from reduced tariffs in this sector as a result of the agreement.

Wyoming U.S. Export Assistance Centers: www.export.gov/Wyoming
Exports Sustain Thousands of Wyoming Businesses including SMEs

A total of 452 companies exported from Wyoming locations in 2013. Of those, 332 (73.5 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees. Small and medium-sized firms generated nearly two-thirds (64.0 percent) of Wyoming’s total exports of merchandise in 2013.

Wyoming exported $106 million annually in goods to the EU (2012-2014 average). Wyoming’s goods exports to the EU increased by 3 percent from 2012 to 2014.

The EU’s tariff elimination as part of T-TIP would provide new market access that could benefit Wyoming’s exports. Exports from Wyoming 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.

How Past FTAs Have Benefitted Wyoming

The United States currently has free trade agreements in force with 20 countries, which accounted for $1.0 billion (57 percent) of Wyoming’s exports in 2014. During the past 10 years (2005-2014), exports from Wyoming to these markets grew by 206 percent, with NAFTA, Australia, Colombia, Chile, and Peru showing the largest dollar growth during this period.

In Their Own Words: T-TIP Comments

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