Trade Promotion Authority
Key Improvements: 2002-2015

PROGRESSIVE U.S TRADE POLICY OBJECTIVES

Requires strong, enforceable labor and environmental standards

Includes human rights as a negotiating objective

Promotes good governance and rule of law

Mandates that the President report annually on capacity-building efforts

Fosters innovation & promotes access to life-saving, affordable medicines

TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS

Provides access to negotiating text to all members of Congress and staff with proper security clearance

Puts the full text of agreements online 60 days before they are signed

Mandates detailed, publically-available, and regularly updated summaries of U.S. objectives in any trade negotiation

Creates a Chief Transparency Officer to coordinate transparency policies with Congress and engage and assist the public in trade negotiations

Provides time for Congress to review the Administration's implementation plan prior to the submission of the bill

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

Creates new mechanisms to "turn off TPA" if Congress determines they weren't properly consulted on a trade agreement

Includes strong sovereignty safeguards that make absolutely clear nothing in a trade agreement can change U.S. law without Congressional approval

ADDRESSES NEW REALITIES OF THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY

Includes provisions to promote digital trade and cross-border data flows, combat piracy/cybertheft, and to prevent localization barriers to trade

Challenges unfair competition from state-owned enterprises

Directs negotiators to seek to establish accountability through enforceable rules or other means to address unfair currency manipulation

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