

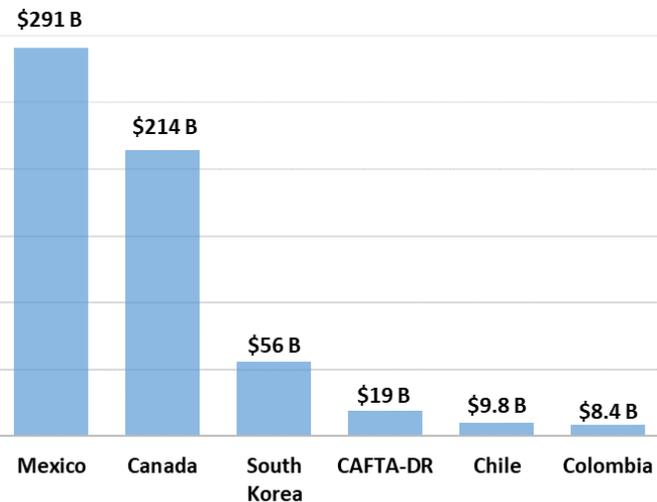
Overview of Trade Agreements & Special Trade Legislation

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is responsible for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of 15 trade agreements with 21 countries and special trade legislation programs with approximately 187 countries.

Trade agreements reduce or eliminate tariffs, quotas, and other trade and non-trade barriers. CBP ensures that imports meet rules of origin and other special conditions to qualify for preferential treatment.

CBP has a direct responsibility to protect revenue, enforce trade compliance, and safeguard national and economic security.

Import Value by Trade Agreement - FY 2019



Safeguarding Fair Trade

In Fiscal Year 2019, 26% of all imports into the United States claimed preferential treatment under a trade agreement or special trade legislation program, totaling \$678 billion. With an average duty rate of 3.5% for non-textile goods, importers saved almost \$24 billion by utilizing trade agreements in Fiscal Year 2019.

Trade Agreement Enforcement

CBP enforces laws and regulations by:

- Conducting targeting and analysis to investigate non-compliant imports.
- Validating preference eligibility through audits and other comprehensive document reviews.
- Providing technical expertise to the U.S. Trade Representative in trade negotiations and policy reviews.
- Partnering with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Homeland Security Investigations on criminal trade fraud investigations.

Best Practices for Effective Use of Trade Agreements

CBP recommends importers develop compliance measurement plans and reliable record keeping procedures. The trade community should closely follow CBP rulings and informed compliance publications.

U.S. Imports by Value - FY 2019



CBP Centers

CBP's industry-focused Centers of Excellence and Expertise prevent, detect, and target illicit trade, including fraudulent trade agreement claims.

Trade Agreement Verifications

- Provide strategic perspective through risk analysis and multi-disciplined trade strategies.
- Develop advanced risk management techniques to support trade security and compliance.
- Manage national cargo and summary criteria.
- Identify new areas of risk associated with the enforcement of trade agreements and special trade legislation.
- Research allegations of noncompliance.

U.S. Trade Agreements

- **Australia** (AUFTA)
- **Bahrain** (BHFTA)
- **Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement**, including **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua** (CAFTA-DR)
- **Chile** (CLFTA)
- **Colombia** (COPTA)
- **Israel** (ILFTA)
- **Japan** (USJP)
- **Jordan** (JOFTA)
- **Korea** (KORUS)
- **Morocco** (MAFTA)
- **North America Free Trade Agreement**, including **Canada and Mexico** (NAFTA)
- **Oman** (OMFTA)
- **Panama** (PATPA)
- **Peru** (PETPA)
- **Singapore** (SGFTA)
- **U.S. – Mexico Canada - Agreement** (pending entry-into-force)

U.S. Special Trade Legislation

These programs unilaterally extend preferential treatment to partner countries. These programs include:

- **African Growth & Opportunity Act** (AGOA)
- **Caribbean Basin Initiative** (CBI)
- **General System of Preferences** (GSP)

Trade Outreach

CBP strives to facilitate trade agreement compliance. These efforts include communications with the trade community via the Cargo Systems Messaging Service (<https://csms.cbp.gov>), issuance of advance rulings, trainings and webinars, and the provision of other resources at www.CBP.gov and Twitter (@CBPTradeGov).

CBP's Trade Agreements Branch provides compliance guidance on trade agreements and special trade legislation programs at www.CBP.gov/Trade/Priority-Issues/Trade-Agreements/Free-Trade-Agreements.

If you are unable to find an answer on www.CBP.gov regarding trade agreements and special trade legislation, inquiries may be sent to FTA@CBP.DHS.gov.

For U.S. exporter information, please contact the U.S. Department of Commerce: www.Export.gov.



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