

Ensuring Free and Fair Trade:
Executive Order on Review of Existing Trade Agreements

- **Tomorrow, President Trump will sign an executive order tasking the Department of Commerce and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) with conducting a performance review of all our existing international trade and investment agreements. It also instructs Commerce, USTR, and other agencies to take every appropriate and lawful action to address violations or abuses of trade law.**
 - Review results will be reported within 180 days, but the Administration **will not** wait 180 days to take action on trade abuses.
 - As shown by the recent action on Softwood Lumber from Canada, the United States will not hesitate to use all the tools at our disposal to fight unfair practices.

- **This order requests a review of all United States bilateral and multilateral trade agreements and investment agreements.**
 - There are 164 members of the WTO, 20 United States free trade agreement partners and 42 bilateral United States investment treaties.
 - The performance review will carefully examine each of the governing agreements to assess whether they are working for America and whether the predicted benefits, in terms of jobs and economic growth, are being achieved.
 - President Trump has been very clear that our trade agreements must:
 - increase our economic growth,
 - contribute favorably to our balance of trade, and
 - strengthen the American manufacturing base.
 - This performance review will assess each agreement to determine if it is meeting that standard.

- **This order will also help ensure fair treatment of United States interests in our trade relationships.**
 - It will also identify violations or abuses of any United States trade agreement, investment agreement, or WTO rule that are harming American workers, manufacturers, ranchers, businesses, intellectual property rights, innovation, or research.
 - The report will also identify actions that the Administration could take to address these violations and deficiencies.

- **The United States has 20 Free Trade Agreement partners. Since the year each agreement came into force:**
 - the surplus declined with two countries,
 - deficits grew with three countries, and
 - the United States transitioned from a surplus to a deficit with three countries.

US Trade with FTA Countries Trade Balances Before Agreements in Force and in 2016			
Country	Year in Force	Pre FTA	2016
Canada	1989	-9,841,907,403	-12,106,120,421
Costa Rica	2009	1,741,757,272	1,564,752,685
Israel	1985	226,327,918	-9,009,350,878
Jordan	2001	243,437,386	-62,372,088
Korea	2012	-13,199,723,426	-27,666,002,563
Mexico	1994	1,663,652,751	-63,191,939,200
Nicaragua	2006	-555,327,139	-1,828,962,471
Panama	2012	7,862,266,419	5,736,337,812

Pre FTA shows trade balances the year before an agreement came into force.

Source: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division.