

United States Efforts to Advance Good Regulatory Practices in Trade Agreements



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Good Regulatory Practices in Trade Agreements

- Sound, transparent regulatory practices promote good governance
- Can limit regulatory differences that disrupt trade
- GRPs are building blocks for a stronger trading relationship
- Benefits for economic growth, trade and investment



GRP Initiatives

- ❖ United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement
- ❖ Brazil Protocol on Trade Rules and Transparency
- ❖ Ecuador Protocol on Trade Rules and Transparency
- ❖ Summit of the Americas GRP Declaration
- ❖ Indo-Pacific Economic Framework
- ❖ U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade
- ❖ U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership
- ❖ Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity
- ❖ Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation

GRP elements in U.S. trade agreements

Transparency	Informed decision-making	Coordination
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Online publication of key information○ Forward regulatory agendas○ Developing and finalizing regulations○ Public consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tools to assess need/impact of regulation○ Guidance and procedures for regulatory analysis, collecting and relying on information, using clear language○ Using best available information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Institutions or mechanisms○ Overlap/duplication/inconsistency○ Impacts: trade, societal, SMEs, competition, innovation...
Review/Improve Regulations	Regulatory Cooperation	21st Century elements



Good Regulatory Practices Strengthen TBT Implementation

- ❖ Transparency, Development of Regulations (Articles 2, 3, 5, 7, 15.2)
 - ❖ existing rules and planned actions
 - ❖ timely notification of draft regulations
 - ❖ taking input
 - ❖ addressing comments and allowing adequate time for submission of comments
 - ❖ reviewing/revising regulations
- ❖ Importance of internal coordination (Decisions on Transparency)
- ❖ Use of international standards (Committee Decision on International Standards)
- ❖ Advances regulatory cooperation