

U.S. - Peru Trade Promotion Agreement

Expanding Economic Opportunities for U.S. Manufacturers, Workers, and Farmers

Peru is a growing market for U.S. exporters. Between 2003 and 2007, U.S. exports to Peru grew 141 percent from \$1.7 billion in 2003 to \$4.1 billion in 2007 (Trade Stats Express), outperforming overall U.S. export growth, which was nearly fifty percent for the same period. The market access and trade disciplines provided by the Agreement offer an opportunity to further expand U.S. exports to a region that is already seeing high export growth rates. In 2007, U.S.-Peru total trade was over \$9.3 billion and Peru is our 40th largest export market (World Trade Atlas).

Peru has one of the strongest economies in the Andean region with a GDP that has grown five percent or more annually the past four years. In a region that suffers from frequent instability, the Government of Peru has demonstrated a commitment to economic stability, democratic principles and counter-narcotics enforcement. With the U.S.-Peru TPA, Peru will offer a more stable investment climate, more reliable access to international arbitration if disputes do arise and a vibrant market for U.S. exports for years to come.

The United States is already the leading source of Peru's imports with an eighteen percent market share (World Trade Atlas). Despite close proximity to other competitive Latin American economies such as Brazil, Argentina and the rest of the Andean group, the high quality and wide selection of competitively priced U.S. products provide U.S. exporters with a distinctive edge, one which will be enhanced under the tariff elimination provisions of the agreement.