The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) signed by the United States and 11 other Asia-Pacific countries on February 4, 2016, and would require ratification by the member countries before it can take effect. On January 30, 2017, the United States gave notice to the other signatories that it does not intend to ratify the agreement, effectively ending, at least for the time being, the ratification process in the United States and the agreement's possible entry into force. The TPP as signed cannot enter into force without U.S. participation, due to a requirement that it must be ratified by original signatories accounting for at least 85% of the group's gross domestic product (GDP), of which the United States alone accounts for roughly 65%. The Japanese and New Zealand legislatures passed TPP ratification bills prior to the U.S. notification of its withdrawal, and some of the signatories have expressed interest in moving forward with a similar agreement without U.S. participation.

TPP Products Post U.S. Withdrawal

For more information on the withdrawal and potential implications for the United States, see:

CRS Insight IN10669, Moving On: TPP Signatories Meet in Chile, by Ian F. Fergusson and Brock R. Williams

CRS Insight IN10646, The United States Withdraws from the TPP, by Brock R. Williams and Ian F. Fergusson

CRS In Focus IF10000, TPP: Overview and Current Status, by Brock R. Williams and Ian F. Fergusson

Original TPP Products

Additional products on the TPP are listed below. They provide analysis of the agreement's provisions but have not been updated to reflect the U.S. withdrawal. Please contact CRS TPP coordinators Ian Fergusson (ifergusson@crs.loc.gov, x7-4997) and Brock Williams (bwilliams@crs.loc.gov, x7-1157), or authors of the following products with questions about TPP.