

A Comparative Guide to the Chile-United States Free Trade Agreement and the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement
A STUDY BY THE TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE

Preamble

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CHILE – U.S.
Date of Signature: June 6, 2003
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DR - CAFTA
Date of Signature: August 5, 2004
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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile, resolved to:

The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, the Government of the Dominican Republic, the Government of the Republic of El Salvador, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala, the Government of the Republic of Honduras, the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, and the Government of the United States of America, resolved to:

STRENGTHEN the special bonds of friendship and cooperation between their nations;

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CONTRIBUTE to the harmonious development and expansion of world trade and provide a catalyst to broader international cooperation;

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CREATE an expanded and secure market for the goods and services produced in their territories;

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AVOID distortions in their reciprocal trade;

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ESTABLISH clear and mutually advantageous rules governing their trade;

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ENSURE a predictable commercial framework for business planning and investment;

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BUILD on their respective rights and obligations under the *Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization* and other multilateral and bilateral instruments of cooperation;

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ENHANCE the competitiveness of their firms in global markets;

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FOSTER creativity and innovation, and promote trade in goods and services that are the subject of intellectual property rights;

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CREATE new employment opportunities and improve working conditions and living standards in their respective territories;

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BUILD on their respective international commitments and strengthen their cooperation on labor matters;

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PROTECT, enhance, and enforce basic workers' rights;

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<p>IMPLEMENT this Agreement in a manner consistent with environmental protection and conservation;</p>	<p>IMPLEMENT this Agreement in a manner consistent with environmental protection and conservation, promote sustainable development, and strengthen their cooperation on environmental matters;</p>
<p>PROMOTE sustainable development;</p>	<p><i>NO CORRESPONDING PARAGRAPH</i></p>
<p>CONSERVE, protect, and improve the environment, including through managing natural resources in their respective territories and through multilateral environmental agreements to which they are both parties;</p>	<p>PROTECT and preserve the environment and enhance the means for doing so, including through the conservation of natural resources in their respective territories;</p>
<p>PRESERVE their flexibility to safeguard the public welfare; and</p>	<p>PRESERVE their flexibility to safeguard the public welfare;</p>
<p>CONTRIBUTE to hemispheric integration and the fulfillment of the objectives of the <i>Free Trade Area of the Americas</i>;</p>	<p>CONTRIBUTE to hemispheric integration and provide an impetus toward establishing the <i>Free Trade Area of the Americas</i>;</p>
<p><i>NO CORRESPONDING PARAGRAPH</i></p>	<p>SEEK to facilitate regional trade by promoting efficient and transparent customs procedures that reduce costs and ensure predictability for their importers and exporters;</p>
<p><i>NO CORRESPONDING PARAGRAPH</i></p>	<p>CREATE new opportunities for economic and social development in the region;</p>
<p><i>NO CORRESPONDING PARAGRAPH</i></p>	<p>RECOGNIZE the interest of the Central American Parties in strengthening and deepening their regional economic integration;</p>
<p><i>NO CORRESPONDING PARAGRAPH</i></p>	<p>PROMOTE transparency and eliminate bribery and corruption in international trade and investment;</p>