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Antibiotics and Regulatory Resistance in TTIP

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Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership



TTIP or “TAFTA”

What's at "stake"?



Transparency

Regulatory Coherence

Investment

Transparency

- Information through leaked texts (mainly from the EU) and what we know from industry proposals

<http://www.iatp.org/documents/leaked-document-reveals-us-eu-trade-agreement-threatens-public-health-food-safety>

Regulatory Coherence

SPS and TBT chapters that are WTO+

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- Regulatory Cooperation Council (trade and reg officials)
- Minimize differences in regulations (least trade restrictive)
- Notification of proposed regulations, legislation, executive orders
- Notice and comment throughout process
- Cost-benefit and trade impact assessments

For the EU side, this would include **EU primary legislation (regulations and directives)**, as well as **implementing measures** adopted at EU level and **delegated acts (“non-legislative acts”)**. On the US side, this would include **Congress Bills as well as rules by US federal executive and independent agencies**. The rules of this Chapter should also extend to regulations by **US States** and **EU Member States**, subject to possible adaptations.

-- EU Position Paper on Regulatory Coherence

Weakening democratic rulemaking

- New avenues for foreign governments and corporations to influence lawmaking
- Corporate privilege
 - 85% of USTR's 566 advisors from industry; EU closed door meetings with industry as primary stakeholders
- **With Investor State Dispute Settlement—
completely undermine democratic rights**

Key Impact

- Chilling Effect of New and Proposed Legislations and Rules,
- Undermine efforts to create desperately needed stronger rules on antibiotic use in the animal industry
- Use of scientific uncertainty to delay rule-making

Meat Industry Interests in TTIP



[IATP Publication: 10 reasons TTIP is bad for good food and farming](#)

American Meat Institute Comments to USTR, May 2013:

Indeed, numerous nonscientific regulatory barriers exist between the two markets that must be addressed in order to increase transatlantic trade.

EU-US Meat Trade

- Top global competitors in pork (US#1, EU 2)
And poultry (US#2, EU#3)

- US seeking EU beef market, expand poultry market; EU wants access to U.S. dairy, beef market

(food safety measures that restrict mass growth and processing techniques seen as barriers to trade)

Key Asks

- Do Away with the EU's Precautionary Principle
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- EU's acceptance of cultural preferences or "other legitimate factors" in the context of the Codex Alimentarius, as a basis for human health and food safety standards

(AMI, May 2013)

Precautionary Principle

- Action shall be taken to avoid or diminish plausible harm to humans and the environment (grounded in science, but does not need 100% certainty to be acted upon; subject to review)
- A principle that advocates for stronger food safety and environmental regulations support in the U.S. as well...but strongly opposed by the U.S. administration and being compromised by DG Trade

Key Asks

National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA):
strongly discourages the continued use of any negative list of substances approved for animal agriculture

North American Meat Institute:

- any regulation proposed by the EU must be carefully weighed through a sound cost-benefit analysis

The trade timeline

Now

- Fast track stalled (for now)

Next

- TTIP September round in DC

Then

- TTIP completion in 2015?

Keep informed and get involved

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