Recent and Upcoming Developments in U.S. Trade Law Impacting Ports: TTIP and Energy Exports

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In the United States Alone Seaports Have a Huge Impact...

Economic Activity Related to America's Seaports:

- **✓** \$4.6 trillion in 2014
- ✓ Over 1/4 of the U.S. economy
- ✓ Projected to reach 60% by 2030

Imported and Exported Cargo:

- ✓ 1.3 billion metric tons in 2013
- ✓ Worth nearly \$1.75 trillion
- ✓ \$6 billion worth of goods moving to and from overseas markets each day

Domestic Goods:

- ✓ 900 million metric tons
- ✓ Market value of over \$400 billion

Jobs and Tax Revenues:

✓ U.S. seaports generated more than 23 million jobs
✓ \$321 billion in tax revenue in 2014





Recent Laws Improving Port Related Infrastructure

- Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA 2014)
 - Set Path to full use of the Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) by 2025 and more equity for HMT donors
 - Better maintain and improve federal navigation channels
- "FAST" Act 2015 (Surface Transportation Reauthorization)
 - Provided \$11B in dedicated funding for freight projects, including connections to seaports





Pending Trade Agreements

- Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- Transatlantic Trade and investment Partnership (TTIP)

Recent/Potential U.S. Energy Law Changes

- Ban on crude oil exports lifted 12/2015
- Legislation pending to streamline permitting for LNG export projects





The Impact of the U.S. Presidential Elections on International Trade Agreements







Fundamental Shift in U.S. Energy Export Policy





- ✓ U.S. crude oil exports now allowed
- ✓ LNG exports more widely available
- ✓ Global market
- ✓ Free trade agreements make LNG easier to access
- ✓ US/EU Energy Council and G7 Energy Ministers showing support



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