

### [New Trade Agreements Spark Old Divides Over Trade Promotion Authority Renewal](#)

In recent weeks, Trade Promotion Authority ("TPA") legislation that would allow the Obama Administration to "fast-track" trade negotiations has come under increased scrutiny as negotiators push to finalize a deal on the Trans-Pacific Partnership ("TPP"). TPA—first enacted in 1974—preserves a Congressional role in trade negotiations between the United States and foreign trading partners. Under TPA, Congress defines U.S. trade objectives and outlines a specific oversight and consultation process for ongoing negotiations. Once negotiators reach a final agreement, Congress votes on that agreement and is not permitted to amend it. The most recent TPA legislation was enacted in 2002 and expired in 2007. [More »](#)

### [China Continues To Violate WTO Obligations For Injury Determinations](#)

In rapid succession, the Government of China has lost three cases before the World Trade Organization ("WTO") involving its conduct of injury investigations. The affirmative injury findings involve the disparate products of grain-oriented electrical steel, x-ray equipment, and chicken broiler parts. These cases evince a pattern of conduct by the Chinese investigating authority ("MOFCOM") that show a lack of compliance with WTO obligations to conduct objective and fair injury investigations in antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings. [More »](#)

### [President Obama Expands SelectUSA](#)

On October 31, 2013, President Barack Obama announced plans to expand SelectUSA, a program created in 2011 to encourage investment in the U.S. economy. The program has already produced positive results, as foreign firms have started investing in manufacturing facilities in Georgia, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Based on this success, President Obama's plan to expand the program is great news for U.S. manufacturing. [More »](#)

### [China Issues Guidelines To Cut Overcapacity](#)

On October 15, the State Council of China published the *Guidelines on Tackling Severe Overcapacity Problem* (hereinafter "the *Guidelines*"). The *Guidelines* show the government's determination to address

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- **Selig Nominated As Undersecretary Of ITA** – On November 6, 2013, President Obama tapped Bank of America's executive vice president of global corporate and investment banking, Stefan M. Selig, as the next Commerce Undersecretary of the International Trade Administration ("ITA"). [More »](#)
  - **Public Hearing Held On China's Compliance With Its WTO Commitments** – The interagency Trade Policy Coordination Committee ("TPCC") held a hearing on China's compliance with its WTO commitments on November 8. The hearing was part of the TPCC's preparation of its annual report to Congress. [More »](#)
  - **Chinese Communist Party Issues Directives To Deepen Reforms** – The Third Plenary Session of the 18th Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party issued the *Decisions of the CCP Central Committee on Several Major Issues in Fully Deepening Reforms* (the "*Decisions*"). [More »](#)
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