

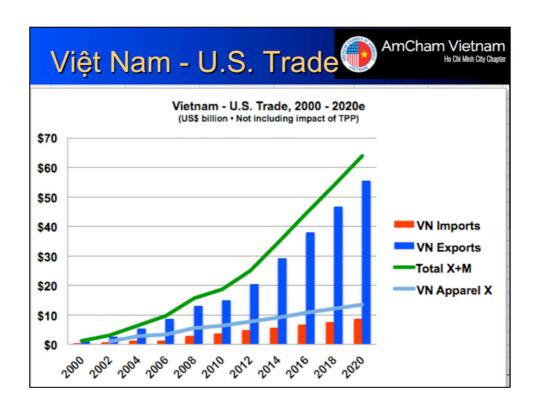
## Presentation Export Forum 2014 White Palace

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Mr. Tran Du Lich Member of the National Assembly

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Thank you for organizing this important forum.



Vietnam has achieved great success as an exporting country. The chart shows the outlook for VN – U.S. trade without TPP, if current trends continue. However, 66% of Vietnam's exports are from FDI factories. So we need to learn how to become "qualified suppliers" as part of their supply chains in order to export.

VN M = Vietnam imports from U.S., VN X = VN exports to U.S., X+M = total trade, VN Apparel X = Vietnam's apparel exports to U.S.

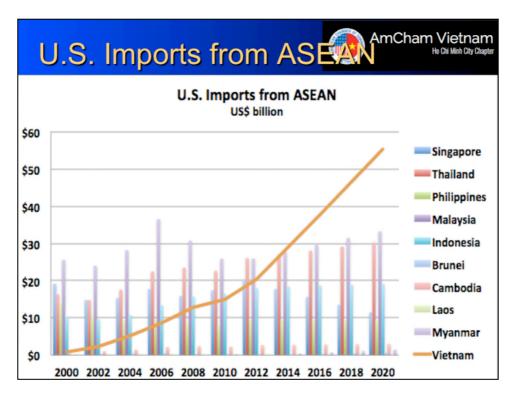
	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
VN Imports	\$0.4	\$0.6	\$1.2	\$1.1	\$2.8	\$3.7	\$4.6	\$5.6	\$6.6	\$7.6	\$8.6
VN Exports	\$0.8	\$2.4	\$5.3	\$8.6	\$12.9	\$14.9	\$20.3	\$29.0	\$37.8	\$46.5	\$55.3
Total X+M	\$1.2	\$3.0	\$6.4	\$9.7	\$15.7	\$18.6	\$24.9	\$34.6	\$44.3	\$54.1	\$63.8
VN Apparel X		\$1.0	\$2.7	\$3.4	\$5.4	\$6.3	\$7.7	\$9.2	\$10.7	\$12.1	\$13.4
VN Apparel/To	otal (%)	40%	52%	40%	42%	42%	38%	32%	28%	26%	24%

## Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/balance/c5520.html#2010

http://www.amchamvietnam.com/30445155/vietnam-u-s-trade-status-and-outlook/

http://vietnamnews.vn/economy/245415/fdi-companies-spearhead-



Vietnam is now in the top three suppliers of U.S. imports from ASEAN, and should be far in the lead by 2020 if present trends continue.

Imports fr	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
Singapore	\$19.2	\$14.8	\$15.4	\$17.8	\$15.9	\$17.4	\$20.2	\$17.8	\$15.6	\$13.6	\$11.5
Thailand	\$16.4	\$14.8	\$17.6	\$22.5	\$23.5	\$22.7	\$26.1	\$27.0	\$28.1	\$29.2	\$30.3
Philippines	\$13.9	\$11.0	\$9.1	\$9.7	\$8.7	\$8.0	\$9.6	\$9.4	\$9.3	\$9.3	\$9.2
Malaysia	\$25.6	\$24.0	\$28.2	\$36.5	\$30.7	\$25.9	\$25.9	\$27.8	\$29.7	\$31.5	\$33.2
Indonesia	\$10.4	\$9.6	\$10.8	\$13.4	\$15.8	\$16.5	\$18.0	\$18.4	\$18.7	\$18.9	\$19.1
Vietnam	\$0.8	\$2.4	\$5.3	\$8.6	\$12.9	\$14.9	\$20.3	\$29.0	\$37.8	\$46.5	\$55.3
Brunei	\$0.4	\$0.3	\$0.4	\$0.6	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$0.4	\$0.5	\$0.7
Cambodia	\$0.0	\$1.1	\$1.5	\$2.2	\$2.4	\$2.3	\$2.7	\$2.8	\$2.9	\$3.0	\$3.0
Laos	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Myanmar	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.4	\$0.8	\$1.1	\$1.5
ASEAN	\$86.3	\$78.0	\$88.3	\$111.2	\$110.1	\$107.7	\$122.9	\$133.0	\$143.2	\$153.5	\$163.8
VN Share	1.0%	3.1%	6.0%	7.7%	11.7%	13.8%	16.5%	21.8%	26.4%	30.3%	33.7%

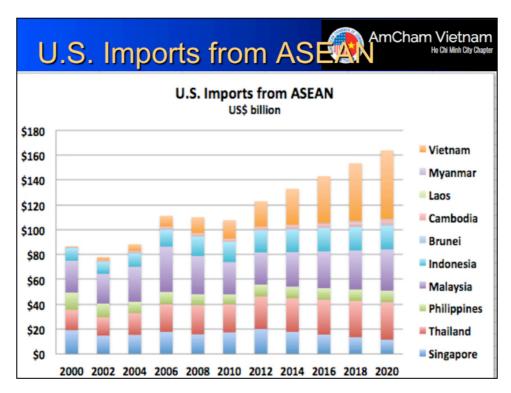
**Malaysia's** decline is especially striking: from \$35 billion in 2008 to about \$25 billion in 2010. In those days, AmCham Malaysia lost about 20 percent of its members. Not sure why this happened.

**Thailand** has suffered from the "great flood" in 2011,, as well as the seemingly intractable political conflict and violence between "Red Shirts" and "Yellow Shirts."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011\_Thailand\_floods

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/balance/



This chart shows the Vietnam's market share of U.S. imports from all ASEAN countries. 1.0% in 2000, when the BTA was signed. 7.7% in 2006, when Vietnam completed WTO Accession negotiations. 21.8% this year. And projected at 33.7% in 2020. Vietnam is a remarkable success at exporting.

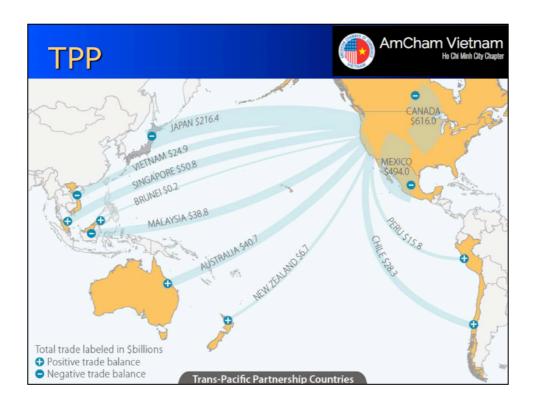
But, how can Vietnam companies be a part of this success story?

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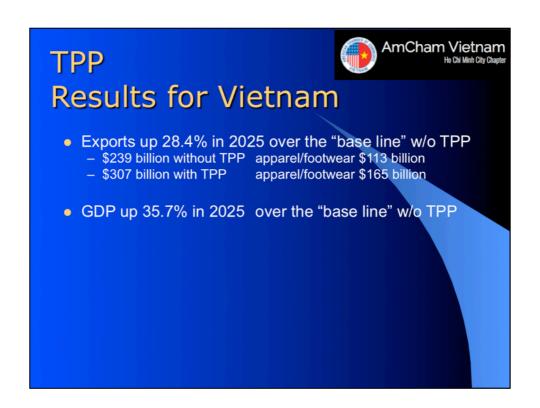
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TPP countries collectively represent, by far, the largest U.S. trading partner, accounting for 34% of overall U.S. goods trade;

- U.S. FTAs already exist with the major U.S. trading partners among TPP participants, particularly Canada and Mexico, which account for 84% of U.S. goods trade with TPP partners; and
- the agreement has the potential to expand in an economically important region and could soon include major economies with which the United States does not have FTAs, such as Japan, which alone accounted for 6% of total U.S. goods trade in 2012 and 7% of total U.S. services trade in 2011.

We hope to conclude this year, and ratify next year, entry into effect in 2015 gives us time to plan and prepare.



#### Vietnam's Exports will increase by 28.4% with TPP

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### Vietnam's GDP will increase by 35.7% with TPP

In addition, the expected GDP growth benefits are substantial, Vietnam's GDP in 2025 with TPP, would be 35.7% higher than the baseline estimate. This is particularly important now that Vietnam is in a "structural growth decline" period, according to the World Bank. Those are economic projections that give a general idea.

### More FDI will come with TPP

Already, more than US\$1 billion of new FDI in Vietnam has been announced by companies from S Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, and Australia to develop the textiles, apparel, and footwear supporting industries so that exports from Vietnam to the U.S. and other TPP countries will benefit from duty-free rates.

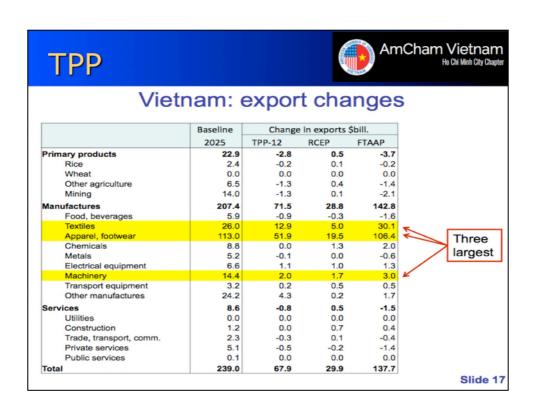
### Will you be a part of this ...?

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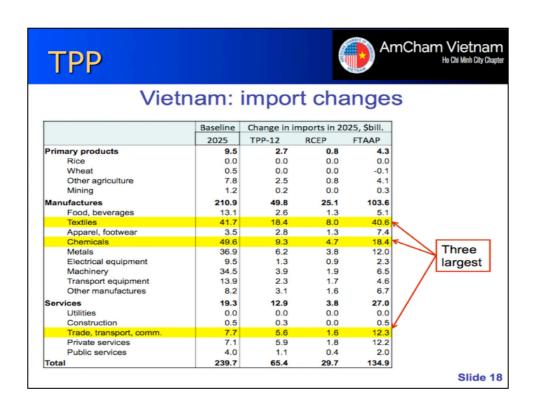
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## Vietnam's Imports will increase by 27% with TPP 65.4 / 230.7 = 27.3%

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## **TPP**



## Why such large gains?

- More exports of manufactures (34%)\*
- More imports of consumer and production goods (27%)\*
- More inward FDI due to investor optimism
- Stronger links to international supply chains
- Productivity gains from competition
- Momentum for reforms boosting growth and opportunity

Most important points here are

#4 Stronger links to international supply chains

#6 Momentum for reforms boosting growth and opportunity (for example, customs)

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More inward FDI – in 2013, Hong Kong, S Korean, VN, and other companies have announced \$1.6 billion FDI in yarn-spinning, fabric weaving, in preparation for the TPP.

http://www.amchamvietnam.com/30441086/tpp-hong-kong-s-korean-firms-plan-major-textiles-fdi/



- Become a "qualified" supplier to U.S. firms
- Industry Trade Shows in the U.S.
- Company Background Information D-U-N-S® Number
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- Testing & Certification
  - Quality, Safety, Labour, Environmental, Sustainability, ...
- Product Liability Insurance / Marine Cargo Insurance
- Logistics Security Customs & Border Patrol
- Your Company Web Site

No matter what trade and investment architecture there is, ASEAN, APEC, BTA, WTO, TPP, ASEAN Blueprint 2015,, or even the Regional Economic Cooperation Partnership, individual Vietnam companies and U.S. buyers have to build one-on-one business relationships.

The fact that FDI factories account for two-thirds of Vietnam's exports shows clearly that few Vietnam companies have been able to build these relationships.

U.S. (and other international) buyers have well-established supply chains, supplier guidelines and procedures, developed over years of business experience in the region.

Now they are moving out of China to Southeast Asia, for various reasons. In order for Vietnam companies to compete with and replace suppliers in China, in other ASEAN countries, or FDI factories in Vietnam, they will have to understand and follow the supplier guidelines.

This slide shows a few of the essential requirements.



- 245,000,000 customers / week
- $\sim 11,000$  stores in 27 countries, 71 banners (names)
- e-commerce websites in 10 countries
- Annual sales of \$473 billion in 2014 (\$466 billion in 2013)
- 2.2 million associates
- => Walmart has detailed procedures and systems

Let's take a look at Walmart as an example. Walmart opened an office in Ho Chi Minh City in 2013, by the way, so they will be looking for Vietnam companies as suppliers.

Each week, more than 245 million customers and members visit Walmart's nearly 11,000 stores under 71 banners in 27 countries and e-commerce websites in 10 countries.

With fiscal year 2014 (2013) sales of approximately \$473 (\$466) billion, about 3x (actually 2.8x) as much as Vietnam's GDP (about \$171 billion in 2013) and 2.2 million associates worldwide, you can bet that Walmart has very detailed procedures and systems to manage its supplier relations.

## Proposal

After the seminar, in the coming days, AmCham and member companies could cooperate with Vietnam Business Associations to help Vietnam companies become qualified suppliers to U.S. buyers, both large and medium sized, get their suppliers' manuals, go through the process ...

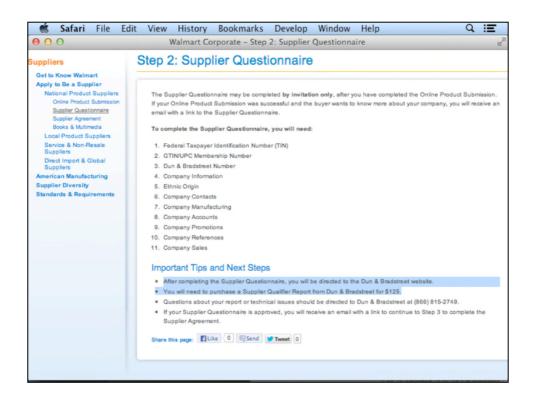


Start with the "Apply to be a Supplier" page on the Walmart web site. http://corporate.walmart.com/suppliers/apply-to-be-a-supplier



3 steps to become a Walmart supplier.

Note that they didn't say 3 EASY steps ...



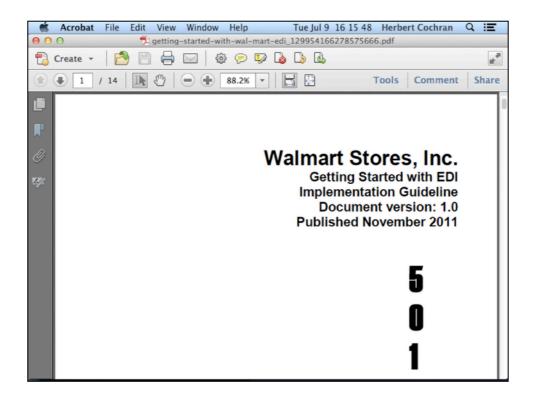
Let's skip to Step 2: Supplier Questionnaire.

Note item 3. You need a Dun & Bradstreet number.

Note the Important Tips and Next Steps:

After completing the Supplier Questionnaire, you will be directed to the Dun & Bradstreet website.

You will need to purchase a Supplier Qualifier Report from Dun & Bradstreet for \$125.



Now look at the Supplier Support Center page.

http://corporate.walmart.com/suppliers/references-resources/supplier-support-center

See the item highlighted in blue:

## EDI Electronic Data Interchange ...

You will need that.

Click on that link and you will download Walmart's 14-page guide to "Getting Started with EDI: Implementation Guideline"

There is a list of approved EDI suppliers, including DI Central, an AmCham member here in HCM City, who will speak later.



Here are logos of some of DICentral customers that are sourcing internationally and looking for suppliers in Vietnam

# TPP and TFA How can Gov't help prepare?

- Implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- which is similar to ...
- Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Free Trade Agreement
- EU-Viet Nam Free Trade Agreement
- ASEAN Economic Community 2015

While the companies need to prepare themselves, but also ...

The Government of Vietnam, at the National and Regional level, can help companies prepare by implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, which has a number of commitments that are similar to what is in the TPP, the EU-Vietnam Trade Facilitation Agreement, and the ASEAN Economic Community 2015.

WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

https://mc9.wto.org/system/files/documents/w8 0.pdf

TPP will be similar to the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement

http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/agreements/fta/korus/asset\_upload\_file732\_12705.pdf

EU-Vietnam FTA will be similar to the EU-Singapore FTA

http://36mfjx1a0yt01ki78v3bb46n15gp.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/EU-Singapore-FTA.pdf

**ASEAN Economic Community 2015** 

http://www.asean.org/communities/asean-economic-community

## WTO AmCham Vietnam He Chi Minh City Chapter TFA Commitments include ...

- Committee on Trade Facilitation (COAC).
- e-Customs (Automated Commercial Environment ACE)
- National Single Window
- Advance Ruling: Classification, Valuation, Rules of Origin
- Authorized Operator
- Many similar provisions in "U.S. Customs Modernization Act," 1993 in preparation for implementation of North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on Jan 1, 1994

The Trade Facilitation Agreement is the "globalization" of customs "best practices" in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, EU, and Japan.

Let's look at some examples of "best practices" in the U.S., which were developed starting in 1988 with the "Commercial Operations Advisory Council," the U.S. Automated Commercial Environment (the equivalent of e-Customs and "National Single Window."

In 1993, the U.S. Customs Modernization Act was passed, with many changes, so as to prepare for the implementation of the North America Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect on Jan 1, 1994, 20 years ago.

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, and the other mentioned agreements have commitments to establish

- Committee on Trade Facilitation
- E-Customs
- National Single Window
- Advance Rulings on classification, valuation, rules of origin
- · An "Authorized Operator" system of risk management,
- Etc.



An Advisory Committee of Senior Business Executives ...

The U.S. Commercial Operations Advisory Committee to Customs and Border Protection (COAC), advises the Secretaries of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on the commercial operations of Customs and Border Protection and related DHS functions.

Business representatives hold regular monthly and quarterly working meetings with Customs officials, involve subcommittees and task forces that carry out work on specialized topics of interest, help draft and review proposed laws and regulations affecting industry sectors, and develop recommendations and initiatives that have greatly assisted ongoing modernization of customs and border trade measures.

Meetings are open to the public (by webinar) and led by twenty members, representatives of industry sectors affected by customs in commercial trade operations and matters.

http://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac



## Committee Members (U.S.)

COAC Members

Swift Transportation Corporation, FedEx Trade Networks Transport & Brokerage, Kraft Foods Group, The Walt Disney Company, UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Coppersmith Global Logistics, National Association of Beverage Importers, Maritime Products International, NYK Line (North America), Airforwarders Association, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Abbott Laboratories, Janell Group of Los Angeles, Liberty International, Inc., Regal-Beloit Corporation, Raytheon, General Motors, Airlines for America, Target, Sandler & Travis Trade Advisory Services

COAC Members are Senior Business Executives, not Government Officials.

20 members are appointed for a two-year term.

Note that they are from senior executives at companies that use the services of U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

Many companies that you recognize: FedEx, Kraft Foods, Walt Disney Company, UPS, NYK Line (North America), Abbot Laboratories, Ratheon, General Motors, Target;

And industry and business associations such as the: U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Airlines for America, Association of Beverage Importers, Airforwarders Association.

http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/2013-03-05-050000/trade-advisory-group-members-named



Subcommittees / Issues Similar to TFA Commitments

Trade Modernization Automated Commercial Environment

Trusted Trader Authorized Economic Operator

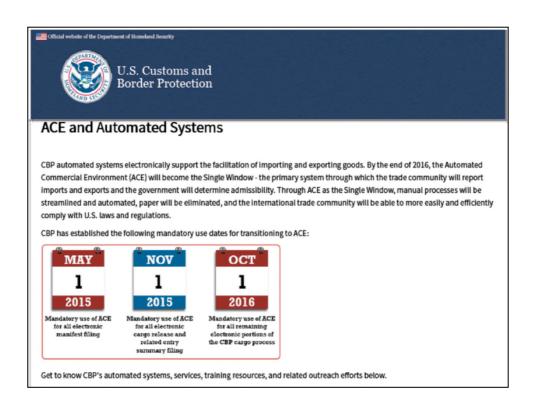
One U.S. Gov't at Boarder National Single Window

Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection

Global Supply Chain

**Exports** 

http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/spotlights/2013-03-12-040000/optimism-restructuring-mark-new-term-advisory-committee



Implementation of e-customs, the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) in the U.S. Note that it is phased in with testing periods. Dates are May 1, 2015, Nov 1, 2015, and Oct 1, 2016, more than two years away.

## Delayed enforcement

http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/import\_sf\_carry\_3.pdf

How Will the Rule be Enforced? The interim final rule includes a delayed enforcement date of 12 months after the interim final rule takes effect. During this 12-month period, CBP will show restraint in enforcing the rule. CBP will take into account difficulties that importers may face in complying with the rule as long as importers are making a good faith effort and satisfactory progress toward compliance. The flexible enforcement period will end ....

### Read more ...

## http://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated

Compare the consultation and cooperation between U.S. Customs officials and users with the misunderstandings, confusion and congestion that resulted from the short time-line of implementation of Vietnam's VNACCS/VCCIS on Apr 1, 2014.

http://www.amchamvietnam.com/30445351/customs-glitches-and-other-problems-cause-huge-backlogs-at-cat-lai-port/



The U.S. "International Trade Data System" and the ACE (Automated Commercial Environment) is the National Single Window for the U.S.

On-line systems and forms will replace these paper forms.

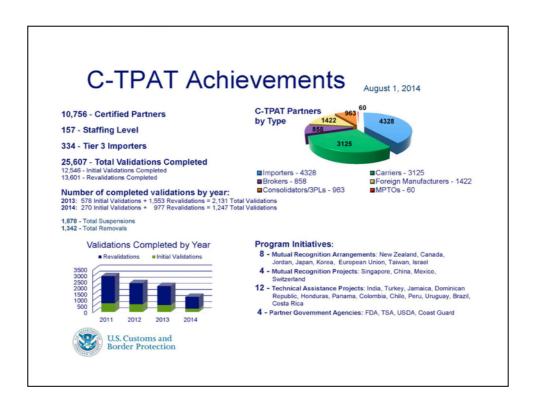


There are 47 Partner Government Agencies that will be part of the National Single Window in the U.S.

This is complicated, but not difficult with computer systems.

Think about Walmart with over 11,000 stores.

With computers and "big data," it can be managed.



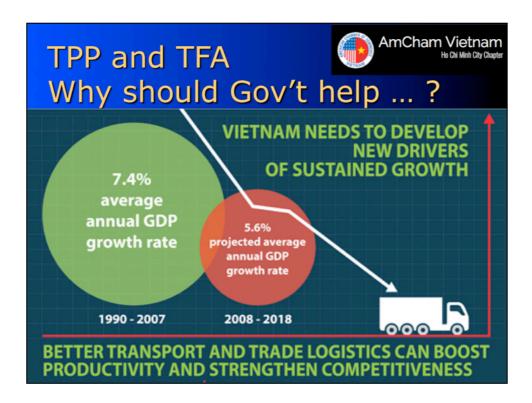
Authorized Operators – that use the "Green Line" – as of Aug 2014

10,786	"certified partners"	authorized operators
including		
4,328	importers	
3,125	carriers	
1,422	foreign manufacturers	( any from Vietnam?)
157	Staff to manage the pr	ogram

Under Program Initiatives (lower right), there are "mutual recognition projects," and "technical assistance projects" with a number of countries. Vietnam used to be on this list in Feb 2014, but is not on the list now. Maybe you should get back on the list as part of the "Comprehensive Partnership."

## **Program Initiatives:**

- 7 Mutual Recognition Arrangements: New Zealand, Canada, Jordan, Japan, Korea, European Union, Taiwan
- 5 Mutual Recognition Projects: Singapore, Israel, China, Mexico, Switzerland
- 14 Technical Assistance Projects: Philippines, Vietnam, India, Turkey, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Panama, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, Brazil, Costa Rica
- 4 Partner Government Agencies: FDA, TSA, USDA, Coast Guard



## A recent World Bank Report on "Efficient Logistics," Dec 2014

- Logistics operations in Vietnam are costly relative to key regional peers like China, Malaysia, and Thailand, primarily because of the prevalence of unpredictability in supply chains.
- Unpredictability in supply chains increases logistics costs by making it necessary for businesses to carry more inventory than they would otherwise need to manage their everyday operations. Vietnam's key root causes of supply chain unpredictability include:
- Cumbersome and inconsistently-applied government regulations;
- Lack of automation in key trade-related processes such as trade clearance;
- A belief among shippers and logistics service providers that facilitation payments are necessary to avoid delays in supply chains;

### Recommendaations

- Minimize paper-based processes in the customs and technical clearance of imports and exports.
- Ensure transparent and consistently interpreted, applied, and enforced government regulations and operations related to international trade.

#### Read more ...

http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2014/01/07/efficient-logistics-a-key-to-vietnams-competitiveness (English) http://www.worldbank.org/vi/news/feature/2014/01/07/efficient-



Thuloling mali đóng vai trol đạic biệit quan troling trong việic đóng góp vào tăng truloling kinh têi cula Việit Nam. Sưi tăng truloling nhanh chóng cula thuloling mali trong gâth hai thạip kyli qua đati đulolic là nhơi tiêth trình họti nhạip kinh têi quôic têi, giaim dâth các rào cain thuloling mali vai tham gia các hiệip đilinh vợti đôii tác. Tuy nhiên, cùng vợti tiêth bọi trong quá trình thưic hiệin cam kếit quôic têi, lợti thêi cula tưi do thuloling mali trong việic đóng góp vào tăng truloling thuloling mali đang đati đêth nhưing giợti hain nháit đilinh. Đây là thợti điệth câth có mọit cách tiếtp cạth mợti nháim nâng cao năng lưic cath tranh, thúc đâty tăng truloling xuâtt khâtu Việit Nam. Vũ Văn Ninh, Phó Thui tuloling Chính phui Chui tilch Uly ban Quôic gia vêi Hơip tác Kinh têi Quôic têi

Thông điệ 1p 3 – Đo 1n gia 1n hóa thuỉ tuíc quy đi 1nh nhằi m gia 1m thời gian vai chi phí vai cali thiệ 1n đọ 1 tin cại y cuia thui oing mali biến giờ 1l Col sơi hai tâing mê 1m cho thui oing mali cũng quan troing không kém col sơi hai tâing cưing. Băing chưng thưic têi cho thâi y môi ngày chại m trêi tali cưia khâi u tulo ing đulo ing vơi mưic chi phí phui trọi là 0,8% giai trì hàng hóa. Công tác quain ly 1 mại u biến hiệ 1n đulờ 1c coi là chại m vai thiếu u nhâi t quán, thiếu thích ưng vai đếi gây tham nhũng. Uiu tiên chính sách ở 1 đây là đo 1n gia 1n hóa các quy trình, thui tuíc quy đi 1nh vai talo môi trưi ở 1ng minh baich đề 1 talo thuại n lời thui oing mali qua biên giời, đồ 1ng thời gia 1m tham nhũng.

Mạic dù đai có nhưng nôi lưic đoin giain hóa, các thui tuic vâin còn phưic taip. Thơii gian thông quan đuiơic coi là lâu nhâit trong khu vưic, công tác quain lyi ruti ro chula đâty đui, mọit phâin do tyi lẹi kiệim tra hàng thưic têi còn cao. Các hoait đọing can thiệip nên huiơing tơii hơip lyi hoaii thui tuic, nhui hiệin đaii hóa ngành haii quan, tăng culơing phôii hơip các hoait đọing quain lyi biên giơii, đôing thơii cati thiệin coi chêi quá cainh. Nâng cao tính minh baich cũng câin thiệit trong hoait đọing kiệim tra vai kiệim soát cuia các coi quan haii quan biên giơii. pg 134 http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2013/09/26/000456286 20130926111613/Rendered/PDF/



Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung has asked the customs department to upgrade import-export procedures to regional standards, saying the extra time taken in Viet Nam is "unacceptable." <a href="http://www.amchamvietnam.com/30445141/">http://www.amchamvietnam.com/30445141/</a> <a href="prime-minister-urges-customs-improvements/">prime-minister-urges-customs-improvements/</a>

Resolution 19 - To streamline processes, to simplify record-related requirements, export and import procedures and customs formalities, and to reduce the time for import and export clearance to the average of the ASEAN-6 group (being 14 days to export and 13 days to import); [Note: The average time to export and import in is Vietnam 21 days for both import and export in 2013.]

http://thuvienphapluat.vn/archive/Nghi-quyet-19-NQ-CP-nam-2014-giai-phap-cai-thien-moi-truong-kinh-doanh-nang-luc-canh-tranh-quoc-gia-vb223738.aspx

"The interaction between State agencies, between the State apparatus and socio-political organizations must be strengthened. Dialogues with the people and businesses must be expanded under various forms to promote closer relationship between the State, cadres, civil servants and the people and better match policy and legislation with reality." Phải tăng cường tương tác giữa các cơ quan trong bộ máy nhà nước và giữa bộ máy nhà nước với các tổ chức Chính trị – xã hội. Mở rộng đối thoại với người dân và doanh nghiệp bằng nhiều hình thức để Nhà nước, cán bộ, công chức gần dân hơn và chủ trương, chính sách, pháp luật sát với thực tiễn hơn.

http://www.amchamvietnam.com/30443556/thong-diep-nam-moi-cua-thu-tuong-nguyen-tan-dung/

## TPP and TFA Why should Gov't help ... ?

Technical assistance commitment in the TFA

Section II, Art 9. Provision of Assistance for Capacity Building

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https://mc9.wto.org/system/files/documents/w8 0.pdf



## **Provision of Technical Assistance for Capacity Building**

Since about 80% of Vietnam's containerized leave from ports in the Southern Key Economic Region, it seems very important that businesses and governments in this region should take the lead, to form a Southern Committee on Trade Facilitation (SCTF).

We are working with business and government leaders in the SKER to establish a SCTF.

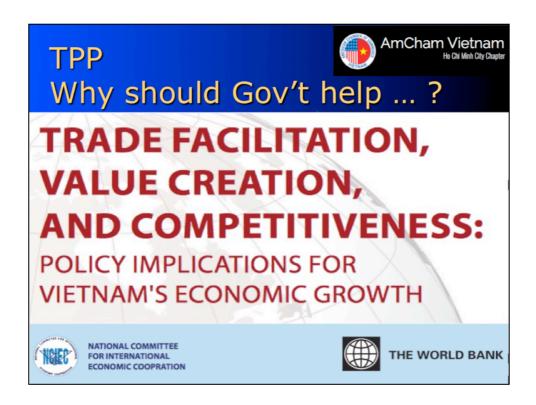
We hope to have cooperation and support from the city leaders and from other provinces in the Southern Key Economic Region.

## Additional information:

http://www.amchamvietnam.com/30445223/trade-facilitation-support-program-launched-by-wb-eu-usa-canada-australia-norway/



I'm Herb Cochran, the Executive Director of AmCham Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh City



## World Bank Report, July 2013

Trade plays an important role in the economic growth of Vietnam. Rapid trade growth during the past two decades has been built on international economic integration process -- lower barriers to trade and participation in agreements with trade partners. However, with this progress in international commitments well advanced, the advantages of trade liberalization in contributing to the growth of trade are reaching their limits. It is time to have a new approach to improve trade competitiveness and export growth. Vu Van Ninh, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman, National Committee for International Economic Cooperation

Simplify Regulatory Procedures to Reduce Time and Cost and Improve Reliability of Cross Border Trade A sound legal framework should be developed for Customs modernization. The Customs Law should be further amended to set an overall framework for business process simplification and risk management practices to meet international customs standards by: (i) applying the single stop inspection at border with risk based management; (ii) using the advance ruling system; (iii) launching the priority enterprises program; (iv) setting up a system of customs performance indicators; (v) improving the current service of customs brokers and post clearance audit; and (vi) using the non-instructive detection devices. A set of simplified procedures within an IT integrated system to minimize paper work and interaction between shippers and customs officers. Develop and implement customs anti-corruption strategy. Strengthen the mechanism of cooperation and partnership between customs and traders through regular dialogues.

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