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## Trump Administration Notifies Congress of Intent to Negotiate Trade Agreement with Kenya

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*Washington, DC* – At the direction of President Donald J. Trump, United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer today notified Congress that the Trump Administration will negotiate a trade agreement with Kenya.

**“Under President Trump’s leadership, we look forward to negotiating and concluding a comprehensive, high-standard agreement with Kenya that can serve as a model for additional trade agreements across Africa. Kenya is an important regional leader, a strategic partner of the United States, and a commercial hub that can provide substantial opportunities for U.S. trade and investment,”** said Ambassador Lighthizer.

In officially notifying Congress, the U.S. Trade Representative is following the procedures set out in the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 – often referred to as Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) – which requires ongoing consultations with Congress. These consultations ensure that USTR develops negotiating positions with the benefit of Congress’ views. USTR will also publish a notice in the Federal Register requesting the public’s input on the direction, focus and content of the trade negotiations.

In accordance with TPA, the U.S. Trade Representative will publish objectives of the negotiations with Kenya at least 30 days before formal trade negotiations begin.

To read the notification letter sent to Speaker Pelosi, click [here](#).

To read the notification letter sent to Representative McCarthy, click [here](#).

To read the notification letter sent to Senator Schumer, click [here](#).

To read the notification letter sent to Senator Grassley, click [here](#).

### Key Trade Statistics

- Two-way goods trade between the United States and Kenya: \$1.1 billion in 2019, up 4.9% from 2018.
- Top U.S. goods exports to Kenya in 2019: aircraft (\$59 million), plastics (\$58 million), machinery (\$41 million), and cereals (wheat) (\$27 million).
- Top U.S. imports from Kenya in 2019: apparel (\$454 million), edible fruit & nuts (mostly nuts) (\$55 million), titanium ores and concentrates (\$52 million), and coffee (\$34 million).