NAFTA Modernization Negotiations: An Update

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NAFTA

- 23-year old agreement
- A top priority for the administration to renegotiate or withdraw
- Negotiations moving forward swiftly
 - -USTR put out specific objectives on July 17
 - -Negotiations began in DC, Aug. 16
 - -3rd round in Ottawa, Sept. 23-27
- Goal: Complete by end of year



NAFTA – 23 Years Later

Manufacturers in the United States Depend on Canada and Mexico as Major Customers and Partners



More than 2 million manufacturing workers depend on exports to Canada and Mexico

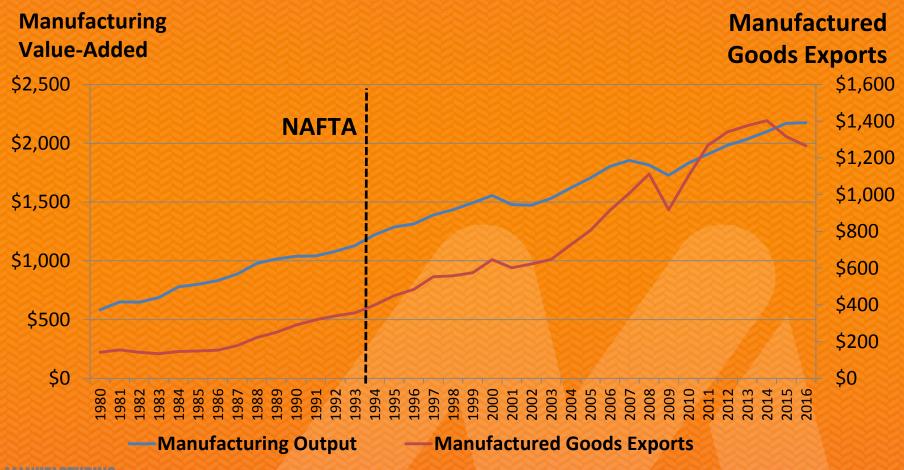


More than 43,000 manufacturers—
94 percent of which are SMEs—export to Canada and Mexico



36 of the 42 major U.S. manufacturing sectors count Canada or Mexico as their number-one foreign country purchaser (2012–2016)

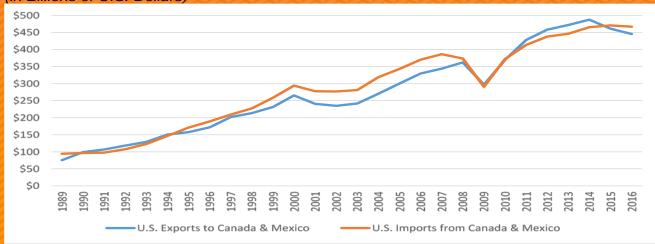
U.S. Manufacturing Output and Exports Quadruple US \$ Bil., 1980-2016





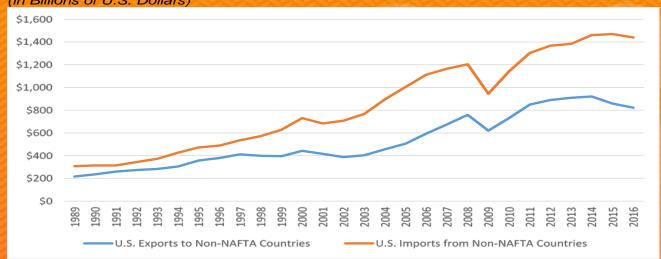
U.S. Manufacturing Trade: NAFTA vs. World

U.S. Manufacturing Trade with Canada and Mexico (in Billions of U.S. Dollars)



Source: U.S. Commerce Department

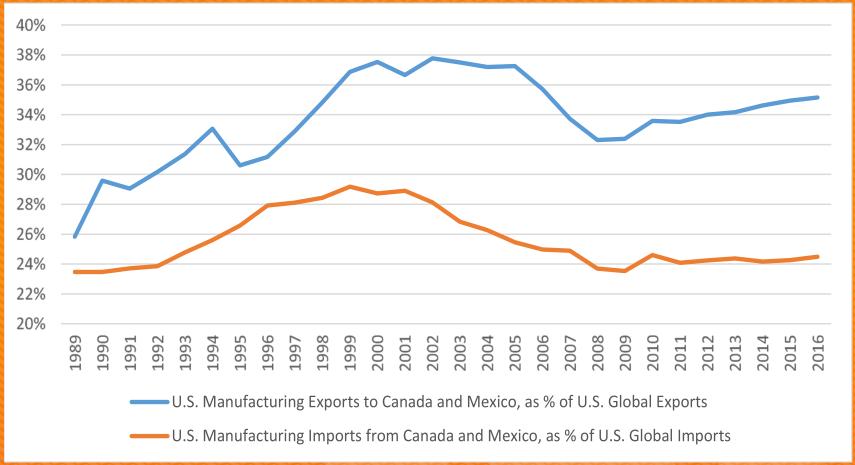
U.S. Manufacturing Trade with Non-NAFTA Countries (in Billions of U.S. Dollars)



Source: U.S. Commerce Department

U.S. Manufacturing Trade with NAFTA, as % World

U.S. Manufacturing Trade with Canada and Mexico, as a Share of U.S. Manufacturing Trade with the World



Source: NAM analysis of data reported by the U.S. Commerce Department



Presidential Negotiating Authority

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- NAFTA Art. 2205: withdrawal after six months written notice
- Trade Act of 1974 and NAFTA implementing legislation provide authority to proclaim tariffs

Trade Promotion Authority

- Consult with key committees, after which notify Congress 90 days before initiating negotiations
- Publish detailed negotiating objectives 30 days before initiating negotiations
- Sets out substantive negotiating objectives



NAM NAFTA "Done R-I-G-H-T" Approach

R: The right rules

I: The value of innovation

G: Changes must produce **growth** in region and globally

H: **Help** not hurt the 2 million manufacturing workers who already depend on their jobs

T: Do it in a **timely** fashion



NAFTA: NAM Approach

- Move deliberately to explain value of relationship and key must-haves - STORIES
- Identify areas where administration could declare wins without massive disruption
- Enlist Congressional allies
- Push back on administration strategically
- Address opposition approaches effectively
- Keep an eye on the clock



NAFTA: Next Steps

- Negotiating rounds throughout the fall
- Goal to conclude negotiations by the end of 2017 or early 2018



QUESTIONS?

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