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Five ways the TPP is worse than past trade agreements

[From the Citizens' Trade Coalition:](#)

As might be expected from a back-room deal negotiated with the aid of hundreds of corporate advisors, while the public and press were shut out, the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) not only continues the awful legacy of past trade agreements that put corporate profits ahead of jobs and wages, the environment and public health - in a number of important ways, the TPP is actually far worse than past agreements. Here are five key examples.



1.) Worse-than-NAFTA "Rules of Origin" That Threaten U.S. Jobs: The TPP is so poorly negotiated that it allows products assembled from parts made primarily in third-party countries to enter into the United States duty-free - a major rollback from even the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). In this manner, goods made in China and other countries with no TPP obligations what-so-ever, be it on weak labor standards or reciprocal market access, have a back-door mechanism to enter the United States, undercutting U.S. employers. The Wall Street Journal warns this TPP provision is likely to destroy hundreds of thousand American jobs in the auto sector alone, although it also applies to everything from food products to computers to solar panels.

- [Read the other four points at the CTC](#)

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We need the following:

- unwrapped toys & teenager gifts
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We will also need volunteers in Vancouver at the Maritime Labour Centre on:

December 21 - unloading trucks with food and toys @ 10:00 am
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December 23 - filling hampers, sorting toys and clothes @ 10:00 am
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Labour History Picture of the Month
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And more

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Growth in transpacific traffic starts to slow

Linton Nightingale | Wednesday, 11 November 2015

But box volumes from Asia to North America remain healthy and particularly to Canada's Pacific Northwest

The transpacific trade has enjoyed healthy levels of volume growth in months gone by but there were signs in September that this momentum is finally starting to slow.

According to the latest figures published by Container Trades Statistics, box numbers on the trade were up 4.1% to 1.5m teu over last year, representing the lowest level of comparative growth on routes from Asia to North America since April, when volumes actually fell in the fallout from the much-documented issues at ports on the US west coast.

This slowdown in transpacific trade ties in with data published by the US Commerce Department at the end of October, which showed that growth in US gross domestic product braked sharply during the third quarter compared with the previous three months, from 3.9% to 1.5%. The Commerce Department said that a number of businesses cut back on re-stocking warehouses to work off an inventory glut.

Year-to-date volumes nevertheless remain strong at 12.1m teu, representing a 3.9% rise over last year, and Maersk Line chief executive Søren Skou also highlighted the US as one of the bright spots in the world, with poor demand conditions elsewhere likely to persist.

This recent slowdown in demand will surely mean that analysts will have to revise their full-year growth projections for the trade. For example, Clarksons Platou is currently projecting a 7.4% increase in volumes to 15.8m teu.

The split of transpacific traffic between the respective Pacific and Atlantic seaboard in September, meanwhile, swung further in favour of the former - helped largely by a surge in traffic to ports located in Canada's Pacific Northwest, where traffic to the region continues to grow exponentially by some 31.8% over last year.

Despite a 3.6% drop in volumes to the US west coast from Asia in September, Pacific ports still managed to increase their share of transpacific traffic to 65.5%, but the figures suggest that the trend of cargo entering the US via Canadian ports, particularly Prince Rupert which reported a 30.1% upswing in traffic through to the end of July, is on the up.

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The share of transpacific traffic to the US east and Gulf coasts dropped in September, as a result of Canada's gains, to around 28.6%, according to CTS data.

Volumes to the Atlantic seaboard did however remain healthy at 417,751 teu, representing an 8.7% jump over last year, with US east coast ports performing particularly well. Indeed, the South Carolina Port Authority reported a 9.5% increase in Charleston's traffic and the Virginia Port Authority noted a 7.2% rise in volumes handled at its box terminals.

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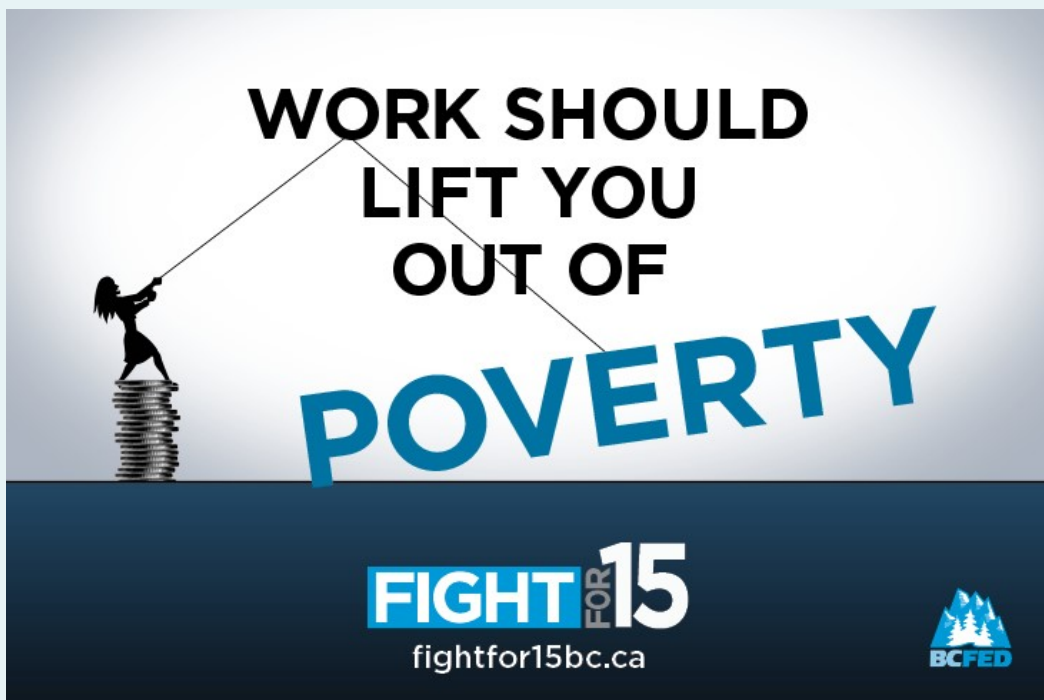
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Join us on Sunday, November 15th at 4:30 pm for a petition drive and leafleting blitz of the downtown shopping area. We will meet at the corner of Howe and Robson. Dress warmly, we will bring the supplies! Hope to see you there.

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Pfizer and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), two pharmaceutical giants, have raked in over \$28 billion in sales for the pneumonia vaccine, yet say they can't afford to drop the price to \$5 so that all children in developing countries can be protected against the worst of childhood killers. We need your help to tell them that children's lives should be put before corporate profits: These two pharmaceutical giants must reduce the price of this lifesaving vaccine, which currently remains priced out of reach for millions of children in developing countries.

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