

## **Submission from The New Zealand Shippers' Council to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on the Trans Pacific Partnership**

The New Zealand Shipper's Council has since 1983 been the national body representing cargo owners. We are the pre-eminent group in supply chain developments relating to cargo handling and movement, commerce and legislation. Membership of the Council comprises importers and exporters and includes major interests involved in industries such as forestry, wood, fruit, steel, dairy, meat, and pulp and paper.

### **Submission**

The Council supports this Agreement, which in effect delivers long sought after FTAs with the United States and Japan. Usefully it includes Mexico, Peru and Canada in our FTA network. It is of overall benefit to New Zealand, and this benefit is set to grow as membership of the Agreement grows. The consequences of not being part of TPP would be serious and negative.

The Council has seen the submission made by Business New Zealand and Export New Zealand and supports the points made in this. This is a very thoughtful contribution to the debate on this Agreement and we hope that the Committee gives the points made very careful consideration.

The Council would like speak to this submission at a meeting of the Committee.