



CAFTA-DR Fact Sheet

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"CAFTA-DR creates an alliance for fair trade and will promote security and stability in our region. This is a win-win agreement that benefits American workers with greater access to important markets, and our trading partners with new economic opportunities."

Rob Portman
United States Trade Representative
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- Leading sectors for U.S. exports and investment for CAFTA-DR Countries:
 - Automotive Parts and Service Equipment – **All CAFTA-DR countries**
 - Telecommunications Equipment – **All CAFTA-DR countries**
 - Construction Equipment and Services – **All CAFTA-DR countries**
 - Food Processing and Packaging – **(Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic)**
 - Computers and Peripherals - **(Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic)**
 - Electrical Power Systems – **(Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Dominican Republic)**
 - Travel and Tourism – **(El Salvador, Nicaragua)**
 - And many more
- The United States exported almost \$16 billion in goods to the five Central American countries and the Dominican Republic in 2004, more than all the exports to Russia, India, and Indonesia combined. The U.S. export growth to the CAFTA-DR region has outperformed overall U.S. exports.
- A United States exporter whose goods qualify under the Agreement may afford its buyer considerable savings. U.S. exporters will also be more competitive in Central America and the Dominican Republic against competing third country products that do not have the duty benefits.
- Export.gov provides a portal to all export-related assistance and market information offered by the federal government and provides trade leads, free export counseling, help with the export process and more.