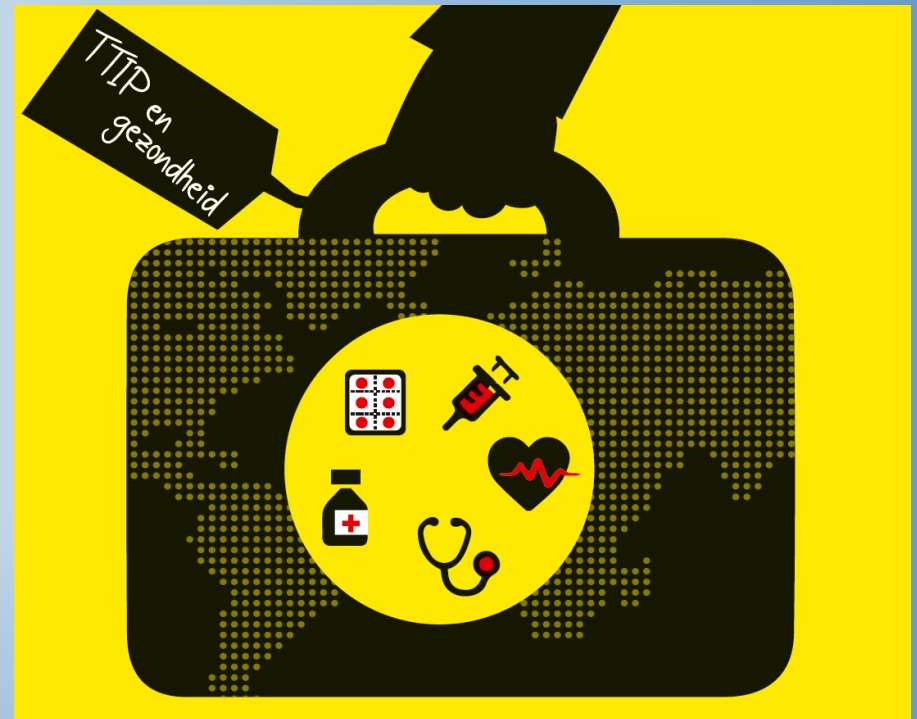


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Is TTIP gezond?

Remco van de Pas

onderzoeker internationaal gezondheidsbeleid



Trans-Atlantisch Vrijhandels- en Investeringsverdrag (TTIP)

a **comprehensive** transatlantic trade and investment partnership

would bring **£100 billion** to the European Union **every year**



and **£80 billion** to the United States **every year**


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 Washington

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TTIP

TRANSATLANTIC TRADE and INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

WHAT IS IT?
A TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE EU AND US THAT HAS AS ITS MAIN AIMS TO:

- REMOVE TRADE BARRIERS
- MAKE REGULATIONS MORE COMPATIBLE

WHAT IMPACT WILL TTIP HAVE?

BENEFICIAL EFFECTS

- LOWERING TRADE TARIFFS WOULD INCREASE EU-US TRADE FLOWS (CURRENTLY WORTH OVER 2 BILLION EUROS/DAY)
- +28% EXPORTS = 187 BN € TO THE EU
- +0.5% EU OUTPUT = 119 BN € ANNUALLY
- + € 545 /YEAR FOR THE AVERAGE EUROPEAN FAMILY


CRITICISM

- FOOD SAFETY
- GMOS
- ENVIRONMENT
- HEALTH

CRITICS BELIEVE THAT TTIP WILL UNDERMINE STRICT RULES IN EUROPE IN THE AREAS OF:

A PARTICULAR STICKING POINT IN NEGOTIATIONS IS THE **INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (ISDS)**.

THE ISDS ALLOWS ENTERPRISES TO SUE GOVERNMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE IF A NEW LAW DISCRIMINATES AGAINST FOREIGN COMPANIES


 MEP HANNICK-JACOB
 (GREENS' TRADE SPOKESPERSON IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT)
 "THE ISDS IS A MASSIVE TROJAN HORSE, WHICH CAN BE USED BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO WHITTLE AWAY EU STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS ACROSS A RANGE OF POLICIES".

Sources: The Economist, European Commission, Atlantic-Community, November 2014



TTIP in historisch perspectief



INTERNATIONAL Health Regulations | 2005 |

Second Edition

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REGULATIONS (2005)

SECOND EDITION



World Health
Organization

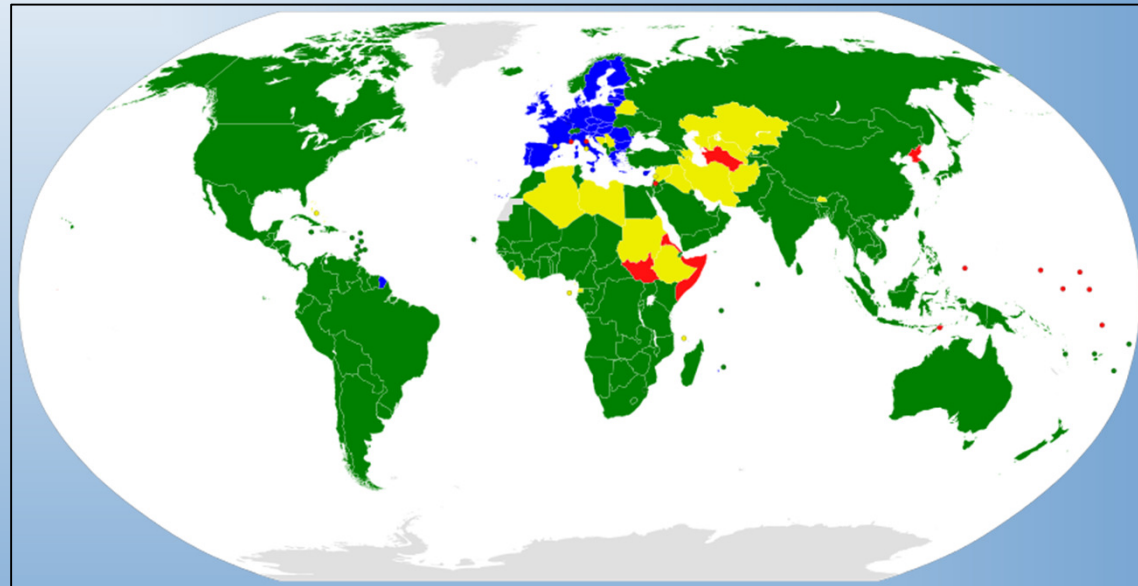


Article 2 Purpose and scope

The purpose and scope of these Regulations are to prevent, protect against, control and provide a public health response to the international spread of disease in ways that are commensurate with and restricted to public health risks, and which avoid unnecessary interference with international traffic and trade.



General Agreement on Tarrifs and Trade (GATT) and the establishment of WTO (1994)



The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)



Onderzoek naar de mogelijke gevolgen van TTIP op gezondheid

Focus on 6 key areas:

1. Cross border trade
2. Regulatory Cooperation
3. Technical barriers to trade (TBT)
4. Investor protection
5. Intellectual property
6. Sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS)



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Khan, U., Pallot, R., Taylor, D. and Kanavos, P. (2015) 'The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: international trade law, health systems and public health' London School of Economics and Political Science and Modus Europe report.



Toenemende handel in ongezonde producten en levensstijlen



- Prijzen van ongezond voedsel kunnen omlaag gaan
- Nationale beleidsruimte voor volksgezondheid interventies (alcohol/ tabak/ voedsel) kan onder druk komen te staan
- “Regulatory chill” (bv voedsel labels)



Samenwerking voor coherente standaarden



Toegang tot Medicijnen

- Efficiëntere medicijnmarkten
- Innovatie
- Clinical trial data toegankelijk? (RDP, vertrouwelijkheid van gegevens)
- Verlengen van patenten (IPR). Toegankelijkheid en budget generieke medicijnen onder druk.
- Prijzen voor medicijnen en terugbetaling blijven competentie van lidstaten?
- Marketing van medicijnen
- Extensie van patenten naar andere interventies



Publieke zorg niet geïnccludeerd in TTIP?

- Uitgangspunt van TTIP: exclusie van publieke diensten; bv. drinkwater, onderwijs, gezondheidszorg
- Maar 'harde' of 'zachte' uitsluiting?
- Exclusie/inclusie te bepalen door lidstaten zelf
- Beiderzijdse erkenning van diplomas en invloed op mobiliteit van zorgpersoneel (zie ook TiSa en WHO global code)



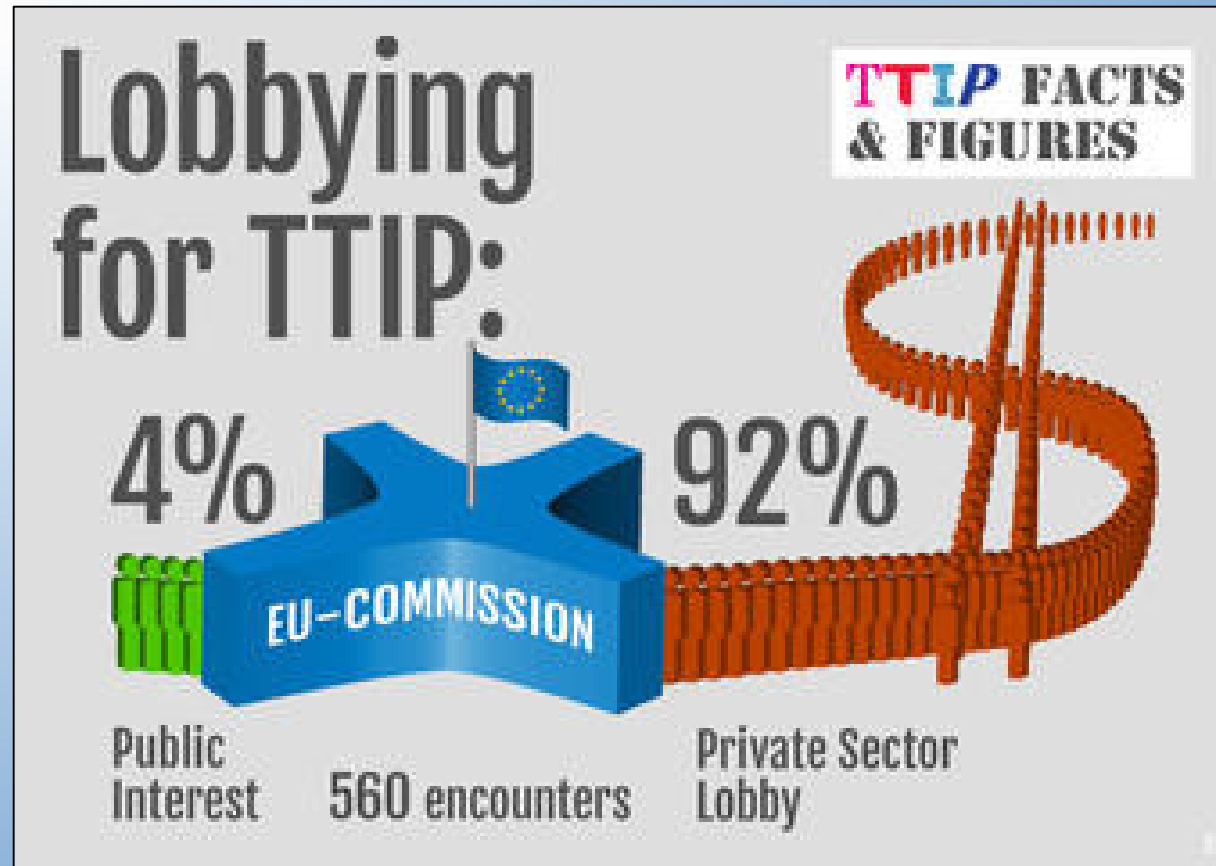
Investor-state dispute settlements (ISDS)



<http://www.cancer.org.au/policy-and-advocacy/position-statements/smoking-and-tobacco-control/>



Beleidsproces, politiek en lobby



www.corporateeurope.org (2015)



De publieke opinie?



Overwegingen

- Bestaande Europese regels: tabak, clinical trials & medicijnen, voedselzekerheid, chemicals, luchtkwaliteit
- Handel en investering geen doel op zich: middel voor levenstandstaard, welzijn en volksgezondheid
- Volksgezondheid expertise adviserend in onderhandeling
- Democratisering en transparantie onderhandelingen
- Public hearings, Citizens initiatives, publieke dialoog
- Public health impact assessments inbouwen in verschillende onderdelen van TTIP
- Politieke en academische analyse van handelsverdragen
- Opzetten van breed gedragen publieke 'observatories' die proces en impact TTIP nauwgezet volgen
- Analyse van impact voor LDCs ('blauwdruk'?)
- Public health & HR treaties, 'the rule of law' (#klimaatzaak)

