



# TRADE IN AN ELECTION YEAR

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#### U.S.-EU

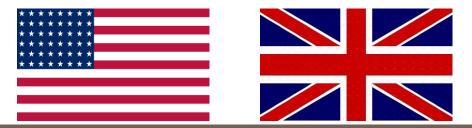
- U.S. notified intent to enter into negotiations October 2018; both sides have issued negotiating objectives <a href="https://ustr.gov/countries regions/europe-middle-east/europe/european-union/us-eu-trade-agreement-negotiations">https://ustr.gov/countries regions/europe-middle-east/europe/european-union/us-eu-trade-agreement-negotiations; <a href="https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/04/15/trade-with-the-united-states-council-authorises-negotiations-on-elimination-of-tariffs-for-industrial-goods-and-on-conformity-assessment/">https://ustr.gov/countries regions/europe-middle-east/europe/european-union/us-eu-trade-agreement-negotiations; <a href="https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/04/15/trade-with-the-united-states-council-authorises-negotiations-on-elimination-of-tariffs-for-industrial-goods-and-on-conformity-assessment/">https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/04/15/trade-with-the-united-states-council-authorises-negotiations-on-elimination-of-tariffs-for-industrial-goods-and-on-conformity-assessment/">https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/04/15/trade-with-the-united-states-council-authorises-negotiations-on-elimination-of-tariffs-for-industrial-goods-and-on-conformity-assessment/">https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/04/15/trade-with-the-united-states-council-authorises-negotiations-on-elimination-of-tariffs-for-industrial-goods-and-on-conformity-assessment/</a>
- Differing views on negotiating scope, notably agriculture
- Current discussions appear focused on limited deal; agriculturerelated elements in the SPS/technical space
- Range of issues overhang: Section 232 steel/aluminum, Airbus/Boeing disputes, France digital services tax, Section 232 autos/auto parts





### U.S.-UK

- UK exited EU January 31, 2020; London & Brussels to negotiate future trade relationship over next 11 months
- UK free to negotiate 3<sup>rd</sup> party trade agreements; U.S. notified intent to pursue negotiations October 2018, issued negotiating objectives February 2019 <a href="https://ustr.gov/countries-regions/europe-middle-east/europe/united-kingdom/us-uk-trade-agreement-negotiations">https://ustr.gov/countries-regions/europe-middle-east/europe/united-kingdom/us-uk-trade-agreement-negotiations</a>
- UK government issued outline of broad negotiating strategy on February 6 https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2020-02-06/HCWS96/
- Launch of U.S.-UK talks pending issuance of detailed negotiating objectives; both sides envision ambitious timeline





## U.S.-Kenya

- U.S. & Kenya announced intention to pursue FTA on February 6 https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2020/february/president-trump-announces-intent-negotiate-trade-agreement-kenya
- Administration to pursue under Trade Promotion Authority
- Envisioned agreement to serve as a model for the continent; African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA) set to expire in 2025



## **WTO India Case**

 Australia, Brazil & Guatemala challenging WTO consistency of India's sugar subsidy regime

https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/dispu\_e/cases\_e/ds580\_e.htm

 Panel composed October 2019, scheduled to hold first meeting on May 12



• Resolution of ongoing world Appellate Body issue to be determined



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