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Chinese Perceptions on the FTAs

The Chinese Government values Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) as

- a new platform to further opening up to the outside and speeding up domestic reforms,
- an effective approach to integrate into global economy and strengthen economic cooperation with other economies,
- as well as particularly an important supplement to the multilateral trading system.

Chinese FTA development strategy

The Opinions of the Acceleration of the FTA Strategy,

State Council, 2015

- Short term: accelerating the FTA process under negotiation, updating the level of current FTAs when feasible, promoting the FTAs with most of the neighbouring countries and regions, FTA trade share in the total trade be the same or more than most of the developed countries and emerging economies
- Middle and long term: the FTA network including neighbouring countries and regions and Roat and Belt countries, with impact on major counties in the five continents, to liberize and facilitate most of Chinese forieign trade and bilateral investment.

Chinese FTAs: Some facts

- **China's Free Trade Agreements (15):** China-Georgia FTA, China-Australia FTA, China-Korea FTA, China-Switzerland FTA, China-Iceland FTA, China-Costa Rica FTA, China-Peru FTA, China-Singapore FTA, China-New Zealand FTA, China-Chile FTA, China-Pakistan FTA, China-ASEAN FTA, Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic and Partnership Arrangement, Mainland and Macau Closer Economic and Partnership Arrangement, China-ASEAN FTA Upgrade Negotiations
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- **Preferential Trade Agreement:** Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA)

Information exchange, discussions and coordinations

- For the specific issues in the negotiations, comments will be solicited from concerned government agencies, industrial associations, companies, and etc.
- A coordinating mechanism has been established by the State Council.
- Information exchange and discussions will be held under this coordination mechanism.
- When necessary, coordinations for decision making will also be undertaken through this coordination mechanism.

Transparency: Feasible Study, ongoing negotiations, progresses and achievements...

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Overview

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The WTO notification: All the FTAs have been notified to the WTO as required

The screenshot shows the WTO website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Regional trade agreements', 'China FTA Network', 'WTO | Participation in Regional Trade Agreements', and 'WTO | Regional trade agreements'. The main header includes the WTO logo and the text 'WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION'. A search bar and navigation links are visible on the right. Below the header, there is a red banner with the text 'last updated on: Thursday, August 3, 2017' and 'user guide | contact RTA section'. The main content area is titled 'China' and contains three columns of information:

- Background information available for this country/territory**
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 - [Switzerland - China](#)
- List of RTAs for which an early announcement has been made**
 - [The Cross-Straits Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement \(ECFA\)](#)
 - [China - Norway](#)

Promotion and Implementation

When the FTAs have been assigned, the Chinese government will:

- publish the text of the Agreements and related information at the official website of MOFCOM;
- have official interpretations through the website of the State Council;
- organize various seminar to promote the understanding of the Agreements at national and regional level...
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- Australian business leader urges early agreement of free trade with China 2009/10/24

Full Text of the Agreement

Agreement

The China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (English + Chinese)

Annexes

- Annex 1-A-1-- (English + Chinese)
- Annex 1-A-2-- (English + Chinese)
- Annex 1-B-1-- (English + Chinese)
- Annex 1-B-2-- (English + Chinese)

Prospects and suggestions

- FTAs are important to promote trade and economic interests among partners.
- Transparency to stakeholders and the third parties are merited.
- Participation of stakeholders could be improved and capacity building for this purpose should be enhanced.
- APEC could and should contribute to the above initiatives.

Thank you for your kind attention!

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