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The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is an economic pact between Canada, the United States and Mexico. Designed to eliminate all trade and investment barriers between the three countries, the agreement came into force on 1 January 1994. In addition to being one of the most ambitious trade agreements in history, NAFTA also created the world's largest free trade area. It brought together two wealthy developed countries (Canada and the United States) with a less developed state (Mexico). The agreement built on the earlier Canada-US Free Trade Agreement (CUSFTA), which came into effect on 1 January 1989. After NAFTA was signed, trade and investment relations between the three countries expanded rapidly, but political co-operation remained weak. NAFTA continues to be controversial, particularly in the United States. Recently elected US president Donald Trump has threatened to renegotiate or cancel the deal. Taken from the Canadian Encyclopedia

### **Introduction to NAFTA**

NAFTA Now website

NAFTA Secretariat

NAFTA Explained (CNN Money)

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) – Fast Facts – Government of Canada

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) – The Canadian Encyclopedia

NAFTA's Economic Impact – Council on Foreign Relations

### **NAFTA History**

A brief history of NAFTA (Marketplace APM)

20 Years of NAFTA (A visual timeline of NAFTA) – Global Training Centre

### **Important Documents**

North American Free Trade Agreement (Full Text)

Rules of Procedure

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Code of Contact

Procedural Form

Overview of the Dispute Settlement Provisions

### **Member States**

#### *USA*

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) – Office of the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President

What is NAFTA, and what would happen to U.S. trade without it? – Chad P. Bown, Washington Post

Trade in Goods with NAFTA with Mexico (Consumption) – United States Census Bureau

Was NAFTA Good for the United States? – Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy

Effects of NAFTA on US Employment and Policy Responses (Working Paper) – OECD Library

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (Congressional Report) – Congressional Research Service

#### *Canada*

North American free trade agreement (NAFTA) – Important news – Government of Canada

Canada's NAFTA strategy: "Use 'manners and muscle' to renegotiate

Canada proposes 'groundbreaking' NAFTA chapter on Indigenous rights – Jorge Barrera, CBC News

Chrystia Freeland Wants to Fix the Twenty-first Century: Why Canada's foreign-affairs minister believes saving NAFTA will help save the world – Simon Lewsen, The Walrus

Getting it Right: A people's guide to renegotiating NAFTA – The Council of Canadians

Remaking NAFTA: Its Origin, Impact, and Future – Canadian Global Affairs Institute

#### *Mexico*

NAFTA (in Spanish) – Government of Mexico

What Mexico wants from NAFTA talks – Guy Nixon, Globe and Mail – MA

Did Mexicans benefit from NAFTA? (Aljazeera)

Mexico's Economy Minister Guajardo on Nafta, Trade, Trump (Bloomberg)

Trade and Occupational Employment in Mexico since NAFTA (Working Paper) – OECD Library

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### **NAFTA Renegotiations**

The real problem with NAFTA explained (Marketplace APM)

What is NAFTA and why does Trump want it renegotiated? – Aljazeera

Views from Mexico, Canada & The US: Trade & NAFTA – IPSOS

Trade Balances and the NAFTA Renegotiation – Peterson Institute for International Economics

A Framework for Rethinking NAFTA – Centre for Trade and Economic Integration