

Arp-Indo-Pacific

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The Biden administration is gearing up for talks with key trading partners on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, a strategy for strengthening trade relations with allies in Asia. Travis Arp, U.S. Meat Export Federation, assistant vice president of export services has more details.

Travis Arp

At this point there's not a lot of clear details about what the economic framework will entail, but it's our understanding as they see it as an opportunity to work with countries across the Asia Pacific region to address various issues related to market access and barriers to trade and help open these markets to U.S. exporters. Looking at issues like science based trade, good regulatory practices and transparency with regulations and things that can really open more opportunities for U.S. exporters in a multiple group of sectors.

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In comments submitted to the Office of the US Trade Representative, USMEF outlined a number of priorities for the red meat industry.

Travis Arp

We focused our comments on kind of the main themes of science-based trade, promoting systems based approvals for US export establishments, establishing regionalization agreements related to foreign animal disease, and also promoting the idea that USTR should consider addressing tariffs, quotas, import licensing schemes within these countries.

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If successful, the Indo-Pacific trade talks could open new doors for us red meat exports.

Travis Arp

Absolutely if there's an opportunity to address some of these systemic barriers to trade. So for example, gaining more beef access into markets, like Korea and creating more opportunities for plants to get approved in markets like Malaysia and Indonesia, then this could potentially pose a significant boost to red meat exports in the future, providing that those issues can get addressed within the framework.

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