

NOTIFICATION TO ENTER INTO A FREE TRADE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AUS-  
TRALIA

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MESSAGE

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A FREE TRADE AGREE-  
MENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, IN ACCORD-  
ANCE WITH SECTION 2105(a)(1)(A) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 2002,  
PURSUANT TO 19 U.S.C. 2112(e)(1)



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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, February 13, 2004.*

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

In accordance with section 2105(a)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 2002 (the "Trade Act"), I am pleased to notify the Congress of my intent to enter into a free trade agreement (FTA) with the Government of Australia.

This agreement will create new opportunities for America's workers, farmers, businesses, and consumers by eliminating barriers of trade with Australia. Australia is already a major trade and investment partner of the United States, as well as one of the strongest and most dependable friends this country has ever had. This agreement will provide opportunities to further deepen this important relationship, for the mutual benefit of our two nations.

Consistent with the Trade Act, I am sending this notification at least 90 days in advance of signing the United States-Australia FTA. My Administration looks forward to working with the Congress in developing appropriate legislation to approve and implement this free trade agreement.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

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