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American Frozen Food Institute Applauds Congressional Passage of South Korea, Panama, Colombia Trade Pacts

McLean, VA – [American Frozen Food Institute](#) (AFFI) President and CEO Kraig R. Naasz issued the following statement today applauding members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate for approving free trade agreements with South Korea, Panama and Colombia.

“AFFI has long advocated for approval of these trade agreements. The House and Senate votes will help the U.S. frozen food industry to expand into rapidly growing international markets and create new jobs here at home. Once implemented, these agreements will also help level the playing field with our global competitors who have been aggressively moving into these markets through their own trade agreements.

“U.S. frozen food producers currently face significant tariffs on a variety of exports to South Korea, Panama and Colombia, many of which will be eliminated or significantly reduced once the agreements take effect. It is our hope that the president will move swiftly to implement these agreements, giving a critical boost not only to the frozen food industry, but to the U.S. economy at large.

“AFFI also commends Congress for reviving the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act, which will provide the frozen food industry access to a ready supply of globally-sourced and duty-free inputs while spurring economic activity in developing nations.”

A summary prepared by AFFI detailing the frozen food industry benefits contained in the just-approved free trade agreements and preference programs is available [here](#).

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The American Frozen Food Institute is the national trade association promoting and representing the interests of all segments of the frozen food industry. AFFI works to foster industry development and growth, and advocates before legislative and regulatory entities on the industry's behalf. More information can be found at www.affi.org.