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Western Organization of Resource Councils

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3 WORC has adopted the following Trade Bill of Rights to set forth a set of standards for implementing trade
4 agreements and negotiations that benefit farmers, ranchers and consumers of any country impacted by those
5 agreements.

WORC TRADE BILL OF RIGHTS

8 Adopted June 7, 2003

Preamble

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11 The Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC) supports a trade system that strengthens the health,
12 environment, food sovereignty, working conditions and labor rights of all countries. Vibrant national economies are
13 essential to a healthy global community and for this reason we support trade laws, agreements and treaties that
14 guarantee the following rights and principles:

Body

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18 Article I. The right and ability of any nation and its political subdivisions to maintain and operate
19 policies and programs that protect the interests of public health, safety, welfare and
20 services.
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22 Article II. Adherence to transparent competitive market principles and enactment of adequate anti-
23 trust/anti-dumping remedies in order to prevent and counteract instances of market
24 collusion, predatory practices, and declining market competition.
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26 Article III. The inspection and testing of imported commodities and products to assure that they are
27 mined, grown and/or produced under standards that are consistent with all domestic laws
28 and regulations.
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30 Article IV. The importer and/or seller of any commodity, product, or service is liable for any
31 violation of domestic laws and regulations.
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33 Article V. The jurisdiction and venue for legal challenges to, and violations of domestic laws and
34 regulations shall reside in the pertinent domestic court.
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36 Article VI. All imported products, services, and commodities shall be purchased in an open,
37 competitive and transparent market system.
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39 Article VII. All imported products have an identified fair market value that may be used as the basis
40 for a tax to maintain and build the national infrastructure.
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42 Article VIII. The application of quotas and/or tariffs on any commodity or product of any country
43 when currency exchange rate differences put domestic producers at a competitive
44 disadvantage.
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46 Article IX. The laws, jurisdiction, or sovereignty of a country and its political subdivisions are not
47 undermined by trade treaties or agreements.
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49 Article X. Trade treaties and agreements are negotiated and enacted through a transparent
50 democratic process.