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# U.S.-Thailand Trade Relations

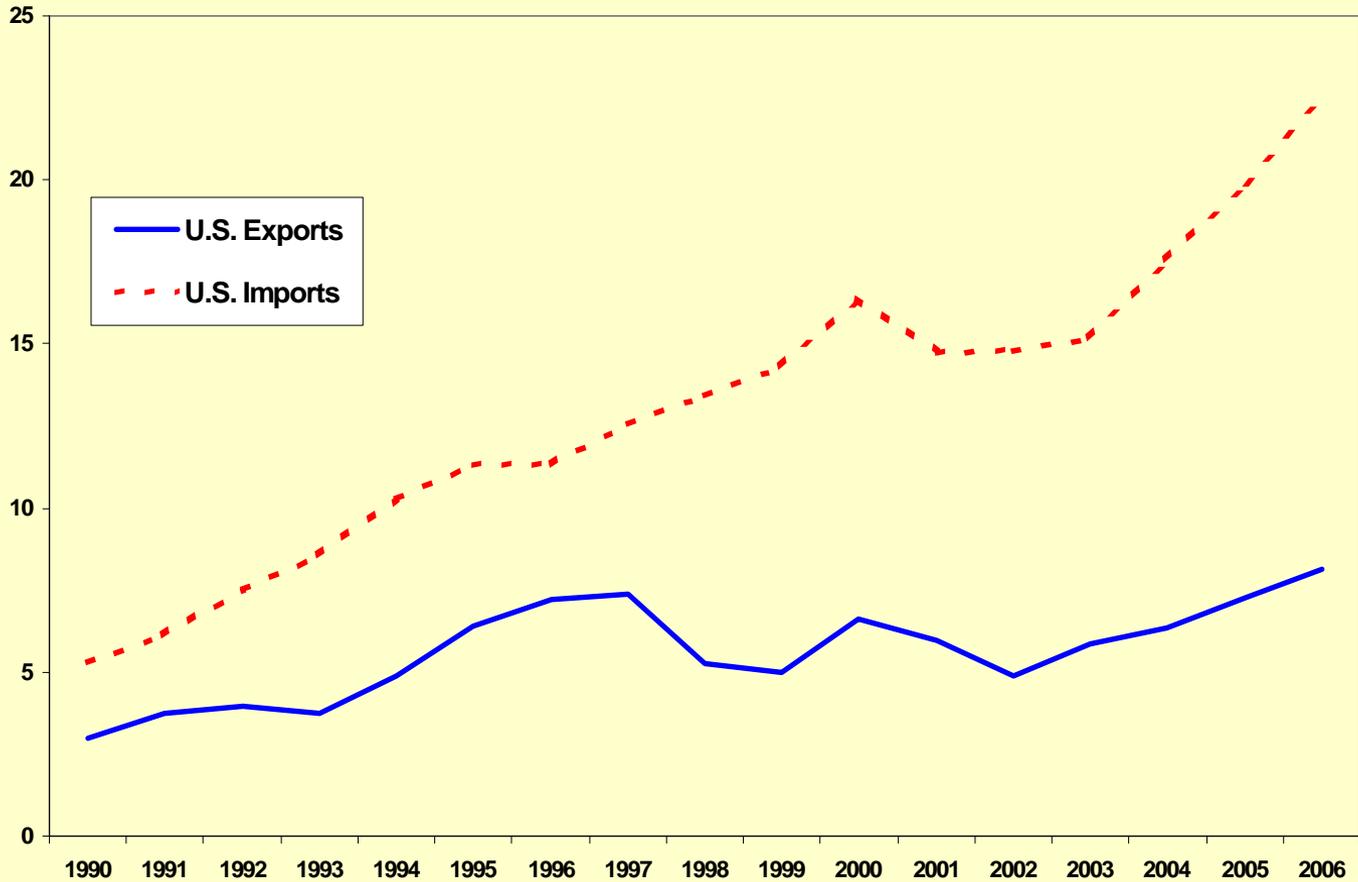
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## U.S. Trade in Goods with Thailand

Billions of dollars





# U.S. and Thai Investment Relations



- 1966 Treaty of Amity and Economic Relations (AER)
- \$21 billion in U.S. investment in Thailand
- U.S. investment concentrated in energy, manufacturing, and services
- U.S. firms employ over 250,000 Thais.
- Increase in investment if new sectors are opened



# Efforts to Increase Bilateral Trade

- 2002 Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA)
- U.S.-Thai Free Trade Agreement (FTA) talks 2004 to 2006
- U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program allows duty-free access to the U.S. market
- In 2006, \$4.2 billion in Thai goods entered duty-free, 13 percent of all U.S. GSP imports



# Resolving Trade Concerns

- Thai intellectual property rights (IPR) laws and enforcement
- Concerns addressed through consultations and technical assistance
- Some improvements made in Thai Customs practices
- Lack of transparency and efficiency in the customs regime
- Goal: higher levels of trade and investment



# Websites with More Information

- International Trade Administration: <http://trade.gov/index.asp>
- USTR: <http://www.ustr.gov/>
- USPTO: <http://www.uspto.gov/>
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection: <http://www.cbp.gov/>
- U.S. Embassy in Bangkok: <http://bangkok.usembassy.gov/>
- American Chamber of Commerce:  
<http://www.amchamthailand.com/acct/asp/>