# KEEPING SINGAPORE AND BUSINESSES GLOBALLY CONNECTED

## In his Ministerial Statement delivered in Parliament on 6 July 2021, Minister Ong Ye Kung outlined the Government's position on our Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).



"If we accept the basic reality that Singapore needs the world to earn a living, then we would realise the fundamental importance of all our FTAs. They are a keystone of the economic super-structure we have built. We could not have advanced the welfare of Singaporeans to the degree we have without FTAs."

## Singapore's Network of Free Trade Agreements



Merchandise trade value Up from S\$720 billion in 2005 to S\$970 billion in 2020.



Services trade value

Rose three-fold from S\$170 billion in 2005 to S\$500 billion in 2020.

#### **Key Statistics**



Investments abroad

Grew almost five times, from S\$200 billion in 2005 to S\$935 billion in 2019.



## Tariff savings when exporting overseas

Increased from S\$590 million in 2008 to S\$1.1 billion in 2020.

## Tapping into our network of Free Trade Agreements to grow your business





## **Key Benefits for Companies**

FTAs make your originating exports more competitive by reducing the tariffs that your customers pay.

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FTAs enable you to provide services in foreign markets and serve clients based overseas more easily.



FTAs help your goods to be cleared through customs more quickly and efficiently.

- a. Simplified trade procedures
- b. Advance rulings
- c. Expeditious release of goods



FTAs safeguard your business in overseas markets.

- a. Legal rights for companies
- b. Enhanced intellectual property rights
- c. Avenue for recourse

#### For more information on Singapore's network of FTAs, visit



https://go.gov.sg/mti-fta



https://go.gov.sg/esg-fta



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