



INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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International news and information you can use. Take five minutes to learn about the latest relating to the Florida Chamber's International Program, as well as upcoming events.

Tit-for-Tat Trade Tariffs

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Brace for impact - beginning August 23, the Trump Administration will impose a 25 percent tariff on Chinese imports valued at \$16 billion. To see the list of products, please [click here](#). This final \$16 billion list is in addition to penalties valued at \$34 billion in Chinese goods which were rolled out in July.

Matching the U.S. announcement - China retaliated with its own announcement to impose additional 25 percent tariffs on \$16 billion worth of imports from the United States, starting Aug. 23. Escalating the possibility of a trade war.

Recently, amid talk of a trade war, the Florida Chamber of Commerce [weighed in](#) on the tariffs imposed on allied countries and expressed concerns for its potential impact on Florida's job creators. And last month at the Economic Estimating Conference, [additional concerns](#) were raised over the prospects of a trade war and their impact on Florida's economy.

Florida Chamber Board of Director member Lee Sandler and his firm Sandler Travis & Rosenberg created a [tariff resource guide](#) to identify specific products that may be affected.

What others are saying on tariffs:

- **SGB Online:** [Tennis Industry Association Opposes New Tariffs](#)
- **Tampa Bay Times:** [Tampa and Florida Businesses Expect Tariffs to Drive Up Prices](#)
- **Fox Business:** [Florida Lobster Fisherman Fear Trade War Amid Irma Recovery](#)
- **TCPalm:** [Trade War Could Hurt Florida's Oranges and More](#)
- **Wall Street Journal:** ["We Are At the Limit" Trump's Tariffs Turn Small Businesses Upside-Down](#)

My best,

Alice

P.S. Is your company being impacted by proposed trade actions? We want to hear from you. Contact Alice Ancona at aancona@flchamber.com

Florida Chamber International Policy Council

The Florida Chamber International Policy Council will hold a second conference call on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 2 p.m. to help finalize its advocacy plan for the forthcoming new fiscal year.

The Florida Chamber International Policy Council is available to members and by invitation only. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Alice Ancona at aancona@flchamber.com

We Want To Hear From You

Click [here to fill out our International Policy Survey](#) so we can better understand the issues impacting you and your businesses.

Florida Airports Are Trade Multipliers

With 25 percent of our economy tied to international trade & investment and one in five jobs dependent on trade, it's no secret that Florida is a trade and logistics state. As a peninsula, Florida has the largest coastline in the continental United States that stretches 8,436 miles, and is home to 15 deep water seaports. But, did you know that our airports play a major role in our trade portfolio?

Not only do our airports welcome millions of visitors each year, but they also serve as a trade multiplier. In 2017, Florida airports exported goods totaling \$19,725,062,184 - that's 38 percent of Florida's total export value!

Much of the state's success can be attributed to investments around logistical and cargo developments. From Miami International Airport's Intermodal Center, to the newly announced \$56 million expansion grant for Pensacola International Airport, Florida is doubling down as the gateway to world. Successfully maintaining and expanding as a global hub for trade will allow Florida to transform its economy - preserving historic strengths in agriculture, tourism, and population growth, while building global leadership in transportation, distribution, and logistics; export-oriented manufacturing; and trade-related business services.

Our airports continue to make needed strategic investments around the state to support our tourism and trade industry. Here are just a few investments:

- [Orlando International Airport- \\$2.1 Billion Construction on New Terminal](#)
- [Tampa International Airport- \\$304 Million in Upgrades](#)
- [Fort Lauderdale Airport- \\$3.2 Billion in Improvements to Add Gates, New Runway and Increase Connectivity to All Terminals](#)

If you believe Florida's aviation and aerospace infrastructure is essential to our state, be sure join us for our upcoming Infrastructure Coalition call on Tuesday, Aug 28, 2018. [Click here](#) for more information.

Member Spotlight



[Best Value Schools ranks Polk State Aerospace No. 2 in the country](#)

American Airlines



American Airlines moves record levels of asparagus



Swoop will become Canada's first ultra-low cost airline to start flights to Fort Lauderdale, Orlando and Tampa Airports

GET INVOLVED:

To learn more about engaging your business in the Florida Chamber's international efforts, or becoming a member of the Florida Chamber, contact Dan Tapia at dtapia@flchamber.com or (850) 521-1206.

ICYMI: Florida Takes Farnborough

Last month, Enterprise Florida led a delegation of Florida-based small businesses to the 2018 Farnborough International Airshow in England. Among the businesses showcasing Florida's leadership in space was Space Florida.

Once again, the Florida pavilion at the show displayed the largest exhibit of industry leaders of any U.S. state-- strengthening Florida's leadership role in the aviation and aerospace industry.

According to [Enterprise Florida](#): "Last year, leading Florida-origin exports reached \$6.3 billion in civilian aircraft, engines and parts. Another \$678 million in turbojets, turbo propellers and parts was exported to countries around the globe."

Business Development & Trade Mission to Ireland & UK

Mission Overview

The Florida Chamber of Commerce will lead a Business Development and Trade Mission to Dublin, Ireland and London, United Kingdom. This mission will provide Florida businesses with the opportunity to meet with potential customers and partners who will build your understanding and export capability in two very dynamic markets.

What You Can Expect

The combination of opportunities will provide participants with access to and strategies for expanding their business in the Irish and UK markets. Participants will be able to meet with companies through business-to-business (b2b) matchmaking appointments, network during various seminars and events as well as gain valuable market access insight through sessions with industry and business associations.

Want to Get Involved?

Registration is now open for the **Florida Chamber of Commerce Business Development and Trade Mission to Dublin, Ireland and London, United Kingdom.** For more information [click here](#).

Upcoming Florida Chamber Events

Florida Chamber Foundation Future of Florida Forum



September 26-27, 2018

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Florida Chamber Annual Insurance Summit



November 27-29, 2018

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