

Pillar II: Supply Chains

The United States tabled proposed text that seeks to improve the resilience, efficiency, productivity, sustainability, transparency, diversification, security, and fairness of the supply chains that American manufacturers and related essential service providers, workers, and consumers across the country, as well as those in IPEF Partner countries, rely on. The proposed text seeks to create a policy framework to coordinate among the IPEF Partners supply chain disruption response measures and to expand cooperation between our governments and the private sector to ensure that our manufacturers have access to the products, materials, and inputs they need to compete in the global economy.

The proposed text aims to identify and address unnecessary restrictions or impediments to the movement of goods and the supply of related essential services through our supply chains. The proposed text also seeks to provide support to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises in assessing risks to their supply chains, diversifying their sourcing of key inputs, and expanding their capacity to access global markets and do more business with fellow IPEF Partner countries.

The proposed text also emphasizes the value of consultations with the private sector and workers on the development of policies and practices related to supply chain development, resilience, and investment. The proposed text further contemplates coordinated efforts that seek to modernize and improve workforce development practices to prepare workers throughout the IPEF economies to compete effectively in industries of the future, while ensuring that the fundamental rights of workers are recognized, implemented, and enforced.

Through the proposed text, the United States seeks to work with IPEF Partners to identify supply chain vulnerabilities and potential bottlenecks, particularly in critical sectors. The proposed text seeks to increase monitoring capabilities among IPEF Partners to help governments and the private sector detect supply chain challenges and, where possible, take individual or collective actions to address them. In addition, the proposed text envisions working closely with our IPEF Partners to develop sector-specific plans to build resiliency, increase competitiveness, promote investment, and foster greater coordination.

Recognizing that supply chain challenges are ever changing, the proposed text aims to create a framework for ongoing collaboration that can evolve and grow over time, providing a structure that will meet both the challenges of today and tomorrow.