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### **ADIC expresses cautious optimism on Mexico and Canadian participation in the Trans Pacific Partnership Negotiations**

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The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) Chairman Chris Griffin has cautiously welcomed the inclusion of Mexico and Canada in the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations.

“The ADIC supports the Australian government’s international efforts to liberalise trade and remove trade distorting barriers and subsidies in export markets,” said Mr Griffin.

The ADIC hopes that the inclusion of Mexico and Canada in the TPP negotiations will see both countries remove barriers to trade such as quotas, tariffs and other measures that attempt to limit imports.

Of most importance from an ADIC perspective is that the high ambition of the current nine negotiating countries (Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, United States, and Vietnam) is maintained with the addition of Mexico and Canada, especially in agriculture and specifically in dairy.

“In other words we must pursue full and open access for all Australian dairy products in our trade negotiations,” said Mr Griffin.

It should also be noted that the priority of the dairy industry remains the ongoing Free Trade Agreement negotiations with China, Japan, Korea and India.

The TPP is an ambitious trade agreement that seeks to deepen economic integration among the negotiating parties through substantive liberalisation in all spheres of commercial activity, extending well beyond the reach of the current multilateral (WTO) agreement.

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