



# TTIP



## What is it?

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, now generally known as TTIP, is primarily a deal to cut tariffs and regulatory barriers to trade between the US and EU countries, making it easier for companies on both sides of the Atlantic to access each other's markets. Industries it would affect include pharmaceuticals, cars, energy, finance, chemicals, clothing and food and drink.

## Why is it controversial?

Public services, especially the NHS, are in the firing line. One of the main aims of TTIP is to open up Europe's public health, education and water services to US companies. **This could essentially mean the privatisation of the NHS.**

## What is the SNP's position?

A team of SNP MPs elected on 7th May would demand cast-iron assurances that explicit **protection for** publicly funded, publicly-run **health services** is put on the face of any EU-US trade agreement.