



# MITC TRADE BULLETIN

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## Next MITC Event

### Turkey: Doing Business in the Crossroads of the World

Monday, September 13, 2010 | [Info and Registration](#)  
MITC Offices, Portland

Strategically located at the crossroads of Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, Turkey has long been a major player in international trade and commerce.

The Maine International Trade Center (MITC) invites you to a presentation from Ozge Cirika, Commercial Specialist from the U.S. Embassy in Ankara. Ms. Cirika will give an overview of the Turkish economy and its potential importance to Maine. She will also be joined by a Maine company who will give their perspective on the Turkish market and their experiences there.

## Trade Alerts

### NEW LEGISLATION WILL REQUIRE FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS/PRODUCERS OF GOODS TO REGISTER U.S. AGENT | [Track this Bill](#)

The Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act (HR4678 and S1606) will require the manufacturers and producers of imported consumer goods and possibly food products to register an agent in the U.S. who will be available to receive legal and regulatory notifications. Failure to register an agent in the U.S. could result in import bans from that manufacturer or producer.

### MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT PASSES | [Read More](#)

Congress recently passed the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB), the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act, providing for temporary suspension or reduction of tariffs on imported goods that are not produced domestically or do not receive domestic opposition. The MTB is hailed as a relief for U.S. manufacturers and importing companies, and is purported to increase the competitiveness of American businesses.

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## MITC Trade Education Events

### Roundtable Breakfast with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree

September 8, 2010 | [Registration](#)

CONNECT presents in Conjunction with the Maine International Trade Center:

Join the Coalition of New England Companies (CONNECT) and MITC for an intimate gathering with

## Trade News

### **EASTPORT BECOMES ONLY NEW ENGLAND PORT WITH LIVESTOCK EXPORT LICENSE | [Read More](#)**

Eastport, Maine received a temporary license from the Department of Agriculture to export livestock, making the Washington County port the only New England location licensed to export cattle. The license was originally obtained to ship 500 cattle from the U.S. to Turkey, which requires that the animals be exported from states (such as Maine) which are free of "blue tongue" cattle disease. Turkey may import 8,000 cows from the U.S., and Maine will seek permanent licensing for Eastport to continue these shipments.

### **NEW QUEBEC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS | [Read More](#)**

Quebec's Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade, Mr. Clement Gignac, released the 2010-2013 Research and Innovation Strategy (QRIS), emphasizing the prioritization of scientific and entrepreneurial leadership and research in the province and representing investment of \$1.16 billion in "innovation and prosperity". The outlined investments in R&D include "support for international collaboration projects in research" and "support for international traineeships".

### **CHINA PASSES JAPAN AS SECOND-LARGEST ECONOMY | [Read More](#)**

According to figures released this month, China has officially passed Japan to become the second-largest economy in the world. The U.S. remains the single largest economy. The change took place during the second quarter of 2010 and in the wake of nearly a decade of remarkable growth for the Chinese economy. Until the second quarter, Japan had held its position as the second-largest economy for about 40 years. Despite surpassing several prominent Western European economies in the past decade, China is not projected to pass the U.S. until 2030.

## Trade Missions

### **State of Maine Trade Mission - Paris, France | [More Info](#)** October 2-6, 2010

With a GDP of approximately \$2.5 trillion, France is the sixth-largest economy in the world. There is strong trade and investment between the U.S. and France - over 1 billion dollars in commercial transactions take place between France and the U.S. every day, with the U.S. being France's sixth-ranked supplier and its sixth-largest customer.

The trade mission includes: Customized one-on-one business appointments, in-country market research, pre-mission preparation, market briefings, State of Maine Reception and networking events, and more.

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-ME 1st) to share views on important issues that impact your company.

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## Other Events & Opportunities

### **North Africa Trade Mission**

September 20-30, 2010 | [More Info](#)

The National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Tripoli Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Tunisian-American Chamber of Commerce (TACC), and the U.S.-Algeria Business Council to bring U.S. companies to Tunisia, Algeria, and Libya to meet with business contacts and attend the U.S. Maghreb Summit on Entrepreneurship. Major investment opportunities in these countries include agriculture, medical equipment, electrical and telecommunications equipment, construction, transportation, and services and equipment in the energy industry.

### **Agriculture & Water Mission to Saudi Arabia**

October 3-7, 2010 | [More Info](#)

The U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council is leading a trade mission to the Middle East's biggest market for agriculture technology/products, visiting the Saudi Arabian cities of Riyadh and Buraydah. Agriculture, water, and infrastructure projects accounted for over \$12 billion in the country's 2010 budget, and the region continues to present new infrastructure projects. Companies interested in gaining access to Saudi Arabia's agricultural and water management markets will be introduced to government officials and business contacts on the trade mission.

## Trade Shows

**ASIAN SEAFOOD EXPOSITION - Hong Kong** | [More Info](#)  
September 7-9, 2010

Gain international exposure and make contacts in the Asian restaurant, retail, and distribution markets at Asia-Pacific and Hong Kong's premier seafood trade event. Fresh, frozen, and live seafood are featured at the Asian Seafood Exposition and the event coincides with Restaurant & Bar Hong Kong 2010, which attracts 8,000 buyers.

**MEDICA 2010** | [More Info](#)  
November 17-20, 2010

Join the Maine International Trade Center and the Best of New England at MEDICA 2010, the premier medical product, device, and service trade show in the world. MEDICA 2009 in Dusseldorf saw 138,000 visitors and over 4,300 exhibitors with an industry-wide spectrum. It provides the perfect opportunity to meet with buyers, distributors, agents, and researchers from Europe, North America, and over 60 other countries around the world.

## **2010 North American Forest Products Conference**

October 6-8, 2010 | [More Info](#)

Located in Boston, Massachusetts and hosted by RISI, the twenty-fifth annual conference will feature a biomass and sustainability session, as well as forecasts for pulp, paper, wood, and timber markets.

## **Educational Opportunities from Department of Commerce Webinars**

Watch the Canada Webinar Series from the Department of Commerce, including their segments on [NAFTA Documentation](#) and [Non-Resident Importers](#).

Medical and healthcare industries, agriculture, construction, and food and beverage are all highlighted as potentially strong markets in Saudi Arabia by the Department of Commerce in their [Best Market Opportunities in Saudi Arabia](#) webinar.

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