

Re: Proprietary WAPI Wi-Fi protocol going to be mandated by China

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> > *As for your insinuation of US*
> > *barriers, the US has among the lowest tariffs and smallest trade*
> > *barriers of any country.*
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> *You might find*
> <http://www.independent.org/tii/news/031114Dillon.html>
> *an interesting read.*
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You might also find an interesting read in the new "Free Trade" agreement with Australia. (sorry don't have a link yet)

In everything Australia is good at exporting there is a phased in introduction over an 18 year period! and if US prices for these goods fall tariffs will be re-introduced. Plus there is a whole bunch of things excluded such as sugar because the political cost in the US is too high.

Free trade, low tariff my ass – and you should also look at the US "export enchantment" program before you start talking about fairness / trade barriers and US trade in the one sentence.

In the first Gulf War my country went to war on the side of the US. In return the US screwed Australia on a \$240 million dollar wheat deal with Indonesia – an Australian traditional market that the US promised they would not enter via export enhancement. When Madeline Albright was caught out in (actually giving a speech in Sydney Australia) she denied it – and two days latter the US announced it was going to sell \$200 million dollars of wheat and "donate" \$40 million dollars of wheat. The export enhancement deal was worth, guess the magic number – \$40 million.

That is how the US treats its "most reliable allies in the pacific".