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What is the Suez Canal?

Constructed in 1869, the Suez Canal is an Egyptian sea-level waterway that provides a vital shipping route between Europe and Asia. Without this route, ships would need to sail around Africa, adding an entire week to their trips.

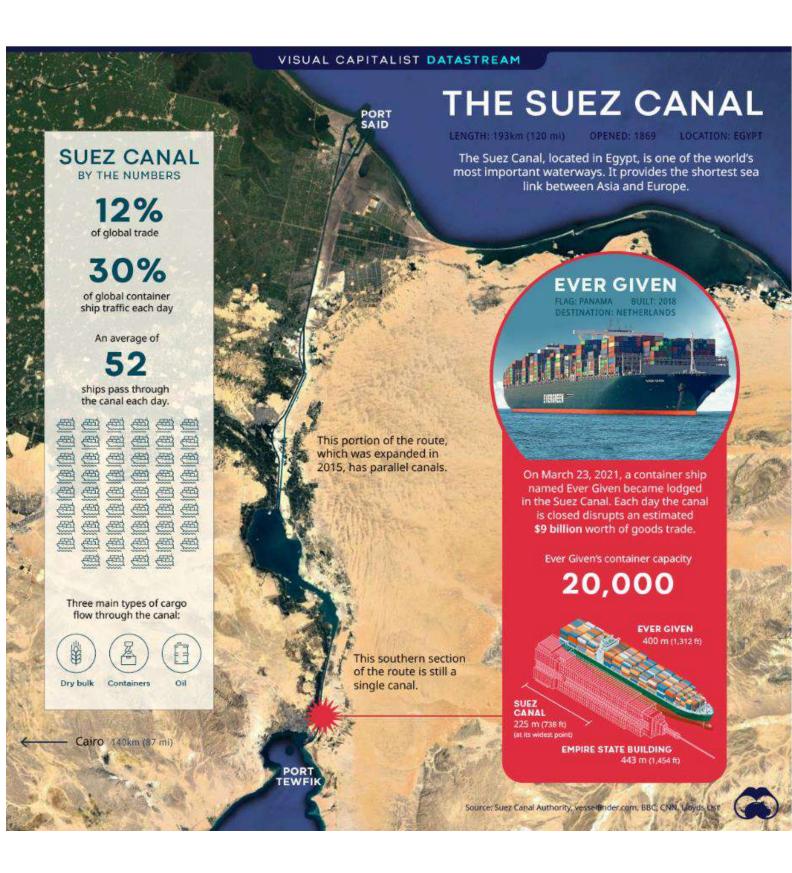
The connecting link between two important regional economies, the canal facilitates a significant amount of trade. The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) reported that **19,000 vessels**—averaging to 52 a day—had sailed through its waters in 2020.

Implications of the Blockage

The blockage of such an important shipping route is bound to have consequences. According to <u>Lloyd's List</u>, each day the Suez Canal is closed disrupts over **\$9 billion** worth of goods trade.

European officials have also voiced concern about longer-term impacts, particularly after the blockage is cleared. A sudden influx of ships could cause massive congestion at European ports and further disrupt supply chains.

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Mapped: Global Shipping Routes, Using 250 Million Data Points



How busy are the world's shipping routes, and where are the global chokepoints for commercial shipping?

Today's visualization compiles 250 million data points, representing the movement of the world's commercial shipping fleet based on hourly data from 2012.

The interactive map below breaks up the merchant fleet into five ship types: container ships, dry bulk carriers, oil and fuel ships, gas ships, and carriers transporting vehicles.





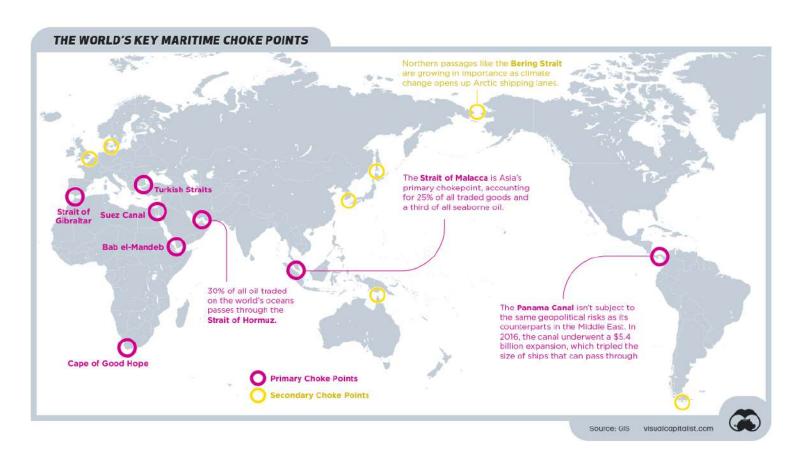
The interactive map was created by data visualization outfit <u>Kiln</u>, along with the <u>UCL Energy</u> <u>Institute</u>. It counts emitted CO2 (in thousands of tonnes) as well as the running total of the maximum freight carried by each type of vessel. The map that the data is plotted on is also bathymetric, which means it uses shading to convey the depth of the ocean at any given point.

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Mapping the World's Key Maritime Choke Points





What's a Choke Point?

Choke points are strategic, narrow passages that connect two larger areas to one another. When it comes to maritime trade, these are typically straits or canals that see high volumes of traffic because of their optimal location.

Despite their convenience, these vital points pose several risks:

- Structural risks: As demonstrated in the recent Suez Canal blockage, ships can crash along the shore
 of a canal if the passage is too narrow, causing traffic jams that can last for days.
- Geopolitical risks: Because of their high traffic, choke points are particularly vulnerable to blockades
 or deliberate disruptions during times of political unrest.

The type and degree of risk varies, depending on location. Here's a look at some of the biggest threats, at eight of the world's major choke points.

The Suez Canal

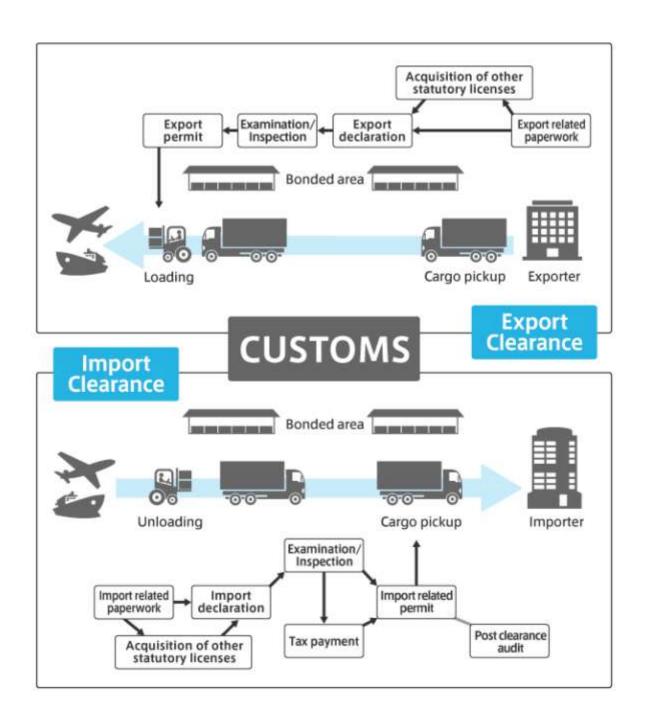
The Suez Canal is an Egyptian waterway that connects Europe to Asia. Without this route, ships would need to sail around Africa, which would add approximately seven days to their trips. In 2019, nearly 19,000 vessels, and 1 billion tons of cargo, traveled through the Suez Canal.

In an effort to mitigate risk, the Egyptian government embarked on a major expansion project for the canal back in 2015. But, given the <u>recent blockage</u> caused by a Taiwanese container ship, it's clear that the waterway is still vulnerable to obstruction.

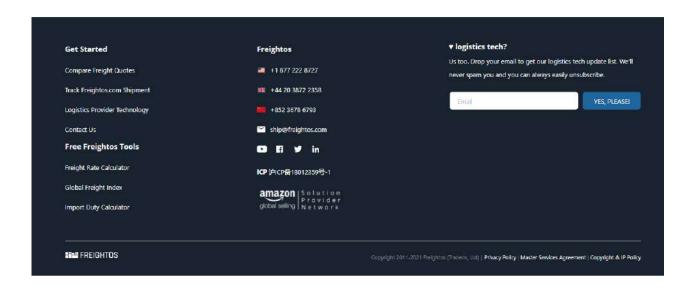
The Panama Canal

The Panama Canal is a lock-type canal that provides a shortcut for ships traveling between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. Ships sailing between the east and west coasts of the U.S. save over 8,000 nautical miles by using the canal—which roughly shortens their trip by 21 days.

In 2019, 252 million long tons of goods were transported through the Panama Canal, which generated over \$2.6 billion in tolls.



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Please be aware that Amazon is providing these listings solely as an informational resource. If you elect to retain a solution provider, you will be contracting directly with that provider, which will be providing services to you at your direction. Amazon does not endorse any solution provider or its services.

Seems like Amazon's Global Selling Solution Provider Network is like a yellow pages for their third party partners...? Of which Freightos is.

How to Ship from Thailand to the United States

If you have questions about shipping from Thailand to the United States, you've come to the right place. This guide will cover:

- 1. Freight from Thailand to the United States: How to choose the fastest and cheapest way to ship
- 2. When are the cheapest times to ship from Thailand to the United States?
- 3. What are incoterms and how do they affect freight prices from Thailand to the United States?
- 4. What customs duties and taxes will I owe when shipping from Thailand to the United States?
- 5. Do I need insurance to ship from Thailand to the United States?
- 6. What paperwork do I need to ship from Thailand to the United States?
- 7. How do I ship from Thailand to an Amazon FBA Warehouse in the United States?
- 8. Busiest Shipping Ports in Thailand
- 9. Busiest United States Shipping Ports

Do I need insurance to ship from Thailand to the United States?

When calculating your shipping costs, don't forget to protect yourself in case your goods are damaged or lost. You can do this through your freight forwarder or a third party insurance agent. Insurance costs are typically around 0.3% – 0.5% of your Commercial Invoice Value, which is the amount you paid for the goods.

Key Freight Documents For International Shipping

Part of the Freight Term Glossary

There are over 100 documents that play a role in freight shipping.

Fortunately, most of them only apply to specialized cargo.

So unless you are importing vicuña fiber from Peru, there are only **nine key freight documents** that you need to know:

- Shipping Quote
- Commercial Invoice
- · Certificate of Origin
- Material Safety Data Sheet
- Shipper's Letter of Instruction
- Booking Confirmation
- Bill of Lading/Air Waybill
- Packing List
- · Letter of Credit

Select any document to be directed to a **plain-English guide** designed to keep you (and your cargo) moving.

Key Information for Freight Shipping from Thailand to the United States

Average price for an FCL container from Thailand-the United States(peak season): \$2,977

Average price for sea LCL (load of 200 kg/1 cbm): \$966

Average price for air freight (load of 200 kg/1 cbm): \$2,250

Average price for express (load of 50 kg/0.2 cbm): \$849

FAQ for Shipping from Thailand to the United States

How long does it take to ship a container from Thailand to the United States?

It depends on which shipping mode you use. Shipping express can take as few as 1-4 days – but express is the most expensive mode, and is not suitable for large shipments. Air freight shipping will take about 8-14 days. Sea freight shipping takes 50-54 days, but is the most affordable if you can wait.

How much to ship a container from Thailand to the United States?

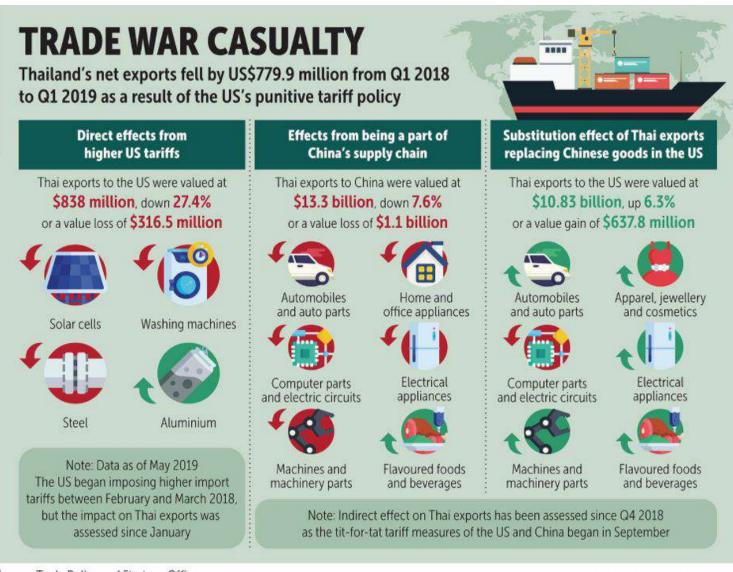
On average, it costs \$2,977 to ship one 40' container from Thailand to the United States during peak season.

What's the cheapest time of month to book from Thailand to the United States?

Carriers can introduce increases to shipping charges, called General Rate Increases (GRIs) at the start of each month. But, toward the middle of the month as they try to fill supply on vessels, they often lower these prices. That means booking during the latter two weeks of the month can often save you money.

Exports struggle for life

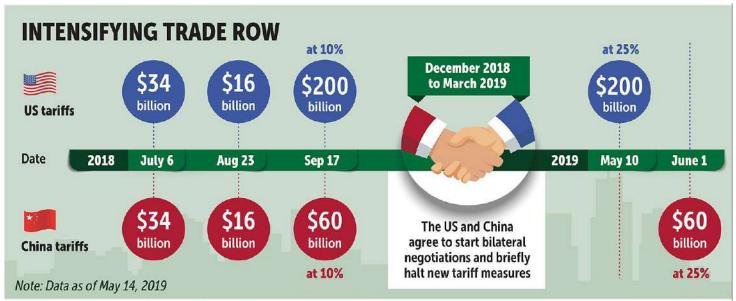
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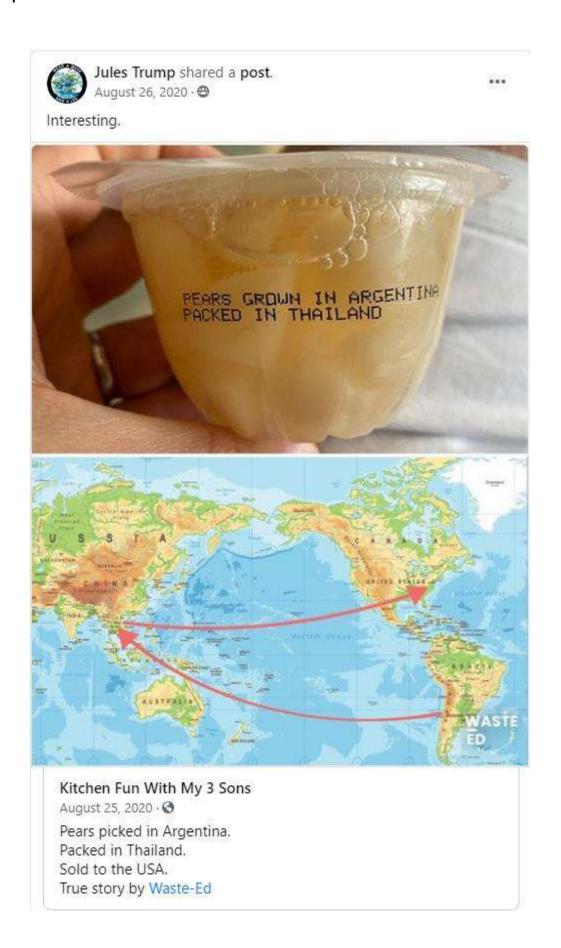


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Sharron Pearsall

They have raised costs so high that it's cheaper to do this! We need people who have the smarts to make this big country self sufficient. We claim to be so wonderful, can't feed our own people!

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Cristina Guenther

It's not cost effective to do it in the US because of manufacturing cost you must take into consideration wages, labor unions, cost of maintaining the building health and labor insurance, and at the end of it all when you go to the grocery store and see the product mfg in the USA at 5.00 versus the one made in another country for 2.00 the consumer will always pick the most economical and the one that fits their wallet best

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Charlie Wade

Cristina Guenther that is why we have lost manufacturing in the US. If I grow it, I pick it and I can it. The cost will not be \$5 or even \$2.

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Robert McNulty

Cristina Guenther as I look at your argument everything I see you mentioned to me all seems like jobs. People growing and picking the fruit manufacturers making containers people re packaging it into containers shipping distribution sales delivery.

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Mary Lee Smith-Stenstrom
Cristina Guenther so you are
fine with paying people a
dollar a day so you get
canned pears?

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Cristina Guenther

We all like the convenience of cheap and easy to obtain goods, and is not going to change anytime soon

Lika . Ranky . 21w

Ursula Flory Cristina Guenther I will not purchase this or take it if the give it to me for free

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Cristina Guenther
No the culprit it's the
american consumer that
wants everything cheap
nobody wants to pay the real
cost of goods everybody talks
about US made but at cheap
prices if everybody really
purchased the goods made in
this country regardless of
price perhaps manufacturers
would have stay here instead
of moving to other countries

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John Kuschnieryk – writer of below response

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BTW Cristina Guenther likes this post.



Top Fan

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grocery store look for
products grown and made in
this country and purchase
them regardless of price I do,
that's how we show support
for US manufacturers and
growers

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Cristina Guenther
Exactly, and it's not an
argument it's an statement
must people like to complaint
about jobs going overseas but
few people like to support our
growers and manufacturing
because its to exoensive

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Claudine Delorme

its like cheese cake made in spain and packaged in quebec. also can be left in warehouse shelves for 2 months at room temperature sold in the number one pharmacie in quebec. Seen it with my own eyes.

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John Kuschnieryk

Yes, and it's a sad commentary because American ingenuity and industriousness have given way to not developing answers domestically when the easy way out is to let someone else with cheap labor worry about it. America has outsourced the very challenges we should and could have solved ourselves. Our prosperity has now turned into our liability.

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John Kuschnieryk
couldn't have said it any
better.

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US apples for juice and apple sauce are shipped off shore, processed and shipped back. Martinelli's is the only grown and processed in the US brand.

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Dee Dee Fritz

also, honey is shipped to China, boiled, which removes all the healthful properties, it's sold under name and store brand in the US. The only way you can get real honey that hasn't been heat treated is to buy local.

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Chris Rice

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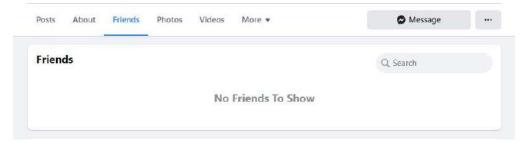
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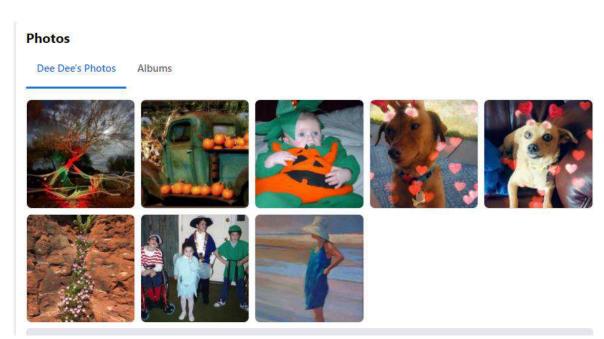




Dee Dee Fritz (Darlene Costello)

A Philly girl who grew up in the Meadows, moved to Dover, De and landed in Arizona







John Kuschnieryk

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Amy Basko Gudmundson

John Kuschnieryk companies
do this for the cheap labor.

This is so it doesn't cost \$4.

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John Kuschnieryk Amy Basko Gudmundson

Sure, that's the popular sentiment. But there is more than the cost of cheap labor that goes into the product. There are costs of transportation, packaging, environmental controls, warehousing, and product quality decline that go far beyond the 'cheap' labor explanation.

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Cindy Fowler John Kuschnieryk yes true!

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Ruth Eliza

Seems like the oil for transportation would make it cost more. If not then why are our gas prices not like 20 cents a gallon. Afterall, until recently we have been getting oil imported. Perhaps we were getting ripped off at the gas pump all this time. Mary Santoy
Why can't they sell us the pears that are grown right here!!!!!!

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Sandra Shull Mary Santoy they could save all the money spent on shipping and use fruit grown in USA.

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Karon Phillips

US needs to step up, people need to accept the cost and start buying made in the US products.

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Carina Wegrzyn

That's the problem with the world. You think it would be more cost effective to do it all in the U.S.

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Kathy Wesner Handy

I am in the food business and most of fruits and vegetables are from foreign countries, this is nothing new! Unless you buy local produce, the product is from overseas. This goes for meats and fish too.

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Melissa Wonser I'm glad we can ours from local farmers.

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Janelle Focht

These are from my tree out back, I'm so thankful for local food growers!



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AB Batts

Melissa Wonser we all need to buy from our local farmers. U know where the food/fruits came from

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Melissa Wonser AB Batts, and they just taste soon much better!

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AB Batts Melissa Wonser lol 88



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Kerri Schoolcraft Saw a similar message on mandarin oranges. Grown in China and

packed in Thailand

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Patie Batz Gasbarre

So is Perdue chicken. Shipped to China, packed there and shipped back to the US. No thanks!

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Dallin Hamcrest Go Vegan

Litter Deeter 24mi

Douglas Tunstead

Pick hard bet there isn't much flavour in them just texture and additives

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Aimee Farris

We really need to get back to supporting our local farmers and buying straight from them

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Eileen Moyer Chambers

If US companies were willing to pay a living wage to US workers these items could be grown, processed and packed right here at home. Sad.

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Daniel Overbey Eileen Moyer Chambers and would cost \$6 a cup

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Tracy Langston

Smithfield foods is doing the same with their meat. King Hong bought them a couple of years ago. Their are several different brands under the Smithfield umbrella.

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Beverly Maio

Been burned too many times buying Smithfield products.

NEVER AGAIN!!!! • • • • • • •

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Douglas Ehrhart Tracy Langston Smithfield's was bought out by a Chinese Co.

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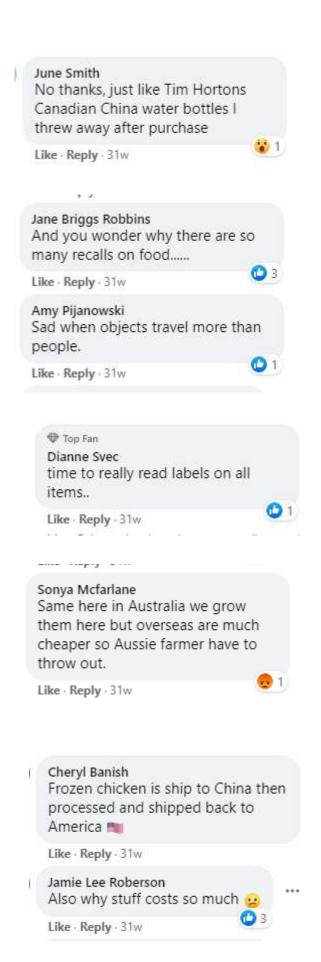
Kong co

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Tracy Langston Douglas Ehrhart Smithfield Foods

Smithfield Foods is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hong Kong-based WH Group Limited, the largest pork company in the world. WH Group trades on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange under the stock code 00288.





Janet Manchester

This is so sickening. I understand why. But with no regulations. Its basically poison.



Jerry O'reallyNot Its just as bad as a battery . Parts from mexico , assembled in America

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Val Vandenberghe read your labels people--even ordinary things are imported from countries that do not have all the safety controls we have to abide by in this country

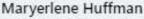
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Loranette Petty Baker
Val Vandenberghe, I've
noticed a stamp that says,
distributed in the USA, but
nothing stating where it was
grown or packed.

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We, in Northern California, are ripping out hundreds of acres of pears because it's not profitable. Why, you can guess the answer. Instead we are planting hundreds of acres of wine grapes, and walnuts

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Monique Daniel

Pitiful! Really miss California! 60s,70s,80s and 90s! Way too much has changed! Costs and taxes are too high! Just heartbreaking!

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Monique Daniel Maryerlene Huffman, have a ton of family in both So-Nor-Cal! As an Army brat I lived all over mostly So-Cal! As an Army spouse we got Ft. Lewis! Fortunately Pierce County is sanity between Portland to the South and Seattle North! Guess all has to be broken in order to rebuild according to anarchist! Feel that whom ever is funding them need to be investigated! 😐

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Maryerlene Huffman
Monique Daniel and
there's more insults to
come. We've lived here
for 4 generations and
have seen our beautiful
state change...We are no
longer the "Golden
State"

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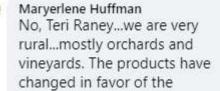
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Monique Daniel
I will continue to pray for my
state and hoping well for your
family!

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"costs"

Jacque Leighton

Maryerlene Huffman id rather
eat pears from CA ...

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Teri Raney Maryerlene Huffman and housing tracts

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Debra Stuart
Maryerlene Huffman Maybe
you expect too high of a
profit? Many people way too
greedy. You can't take it with
you in the end

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Maryerlene Huffman
Debra Stuart excuse
me? Did I say I was a
rancher, or grower? I'm
just giving you the facts
on a personal level
...since I live her...and
witness the hundreds of
acres of pears being
removed. Now settle
yourself right down.

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Anne Walker

I business school, I learned that is how many corporations skirt regulations in the us. Cheaper labor too. &

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Like - Reply - 31w



Wuhan Ccp Biden

The problem is consumer spending in America rather cut cost on food and quality products to spend more on IPhones, Newer cars, name brand clothes and buy clothes too often. When consumers in America start managing their money and priorities like supporting local and independent businesses or buying produce from local markets like produce stands or farmers markets then this country will be the strongest and most patriotic.

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We get frozen fruit here in Australia that comes from Chile.

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Bonita Elmore

When I worked in the garment industry that the US sent oversea I wondered and still do how could it be more economical to make shipand distribute goods all over the world with gas and electric cost as high as they are with the US having some of the cheapest fuel

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Phillip-Jenny Jones That got outta hand!

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Joan Burris

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Scarlette Moore

Gross

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Pete Hutchinson

Read your labels. Trust no food products from China.

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