

# STOP the US trade deal

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**The trade deal currently planned with the US is being used to reshape our society into a corporate marketplace.**

It's a high risk deal. Here's why we need to stop it:

## **Threatening public services**

The NHS is at risk from a US trade deal. The government says 'the NHS is not for sale' but the risk isn't that the whole NHS could be sold off, like Royal Mail. The danger is that a deal would lock in existing outsourcing and privatisation and let big corporations profit further from our healthcare. It is also very likely to lead to higher medicine prices, straining the NHS's budget.

## **Blocking climate action**

Trade rules are powerful. They can override climate goals and have been fuelling climate breakdown. A US trade deal is likely to encourage trade in fossil fuels, when we should be keeping them in the ground.

It could also be used to challenge the sort of strong, binding climate regulation that we need to overcome decades of inaction – or even simply to prevent such regulation ever being introduced.

## Attacking standards

A US trade deal could see chlorinated chicken on our supermarket shelves (chlorine is used to mask dirty conditions and poor animal welfare), along with hormone-fed beef, pus in milk, pesticide residues in baby food, and unlabelled GM ingredients.

But it's not just about a few iconic products and it's not just food. It's about chemicals that are currently banned in the UK being used in cosmetics; it's about dangerous pesticides being sprayed on fields; it's about cars produced to lower safety standards, and the list goes on.

In other words, it is about importing an entire regulatory system with weaker protection.

**We don't need this deal to trade with the United States – we already have high levels of trade.**

And it will have very little impact in getting the economy going again after the Covid pandemic or in light of Brexit. The most optimistic estimates predict it could bring, at most, a fraction of a percent in growth after 15 years.

## Take action

Many people, from farmers to nurses, climate campaigners to digital privacy activists, are realising the dangers posed by this deal and organising to stop it. Sign our petition and find out what more you can do at: [globaljustice.org.uk/trade](https://globaljustice.org.uk/trade)

All this type of deal will do is weaken the standards that protect the things we value, erode the services that take care of us, and damage the planet. All to entrench corporate power.

We need to stop the US trade deal. Public pressure has already forced the government to make promises on chlorine chicken and the NHS. If enough of us speak out and take action, we can stop this dangerous deal going ahead.

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