

# Dates You Need To Know

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The number of days, as of April 7, 2008, since the U.S. - Colombia free trade agreement (FTA) was signed.

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The number of hearings Congress has held on the Colombia FTA.

## **February 27, 2006**

The U.S. - Colombia FTA is finalized.

## **August 24, 2006**

Bush Administration sends Congress a letter notifying its intent to sign the U.S. – Colombia FTA.

## **November 22, 2006**

The U.S. - Colombia FTA is signed.

## **May 10, 2007**

Bush Administration and Democratic leaders reach a bipartisan deal to add enhanced labor and environmental provisions to pending free trade agreements.

## **June 14, 2007**

The Colombian legislature approves the U.S. - Colombia FTA.

## **June 27, 2007**

365 members of the House of Representatives vote to extend one way, duty-free treatment for virtually all Colombian goods entering the U.S. market.

## **June 28, 2007**

The Colombia FTA is revised to include the enhanced labor and environmental provisions.

## **July 2, 2007**

Democratic leaders issue a statement on trade asking for “concrete evidence of sustained results” in reducing violence and impunity in Colombia.

## **October 3, 2007**

General (Ret.) Barry McCaffrey releases a report on progress in Colombia.

## **October 30, 2007**

The Colombian legislature approves the U.S. - Colombia FTA amendments to reflect the May 10 bipartisan agreement.

## **November 27, 2007**

The Center for Strategic and International Studies releases a report on progress in Colombia.

## **February 2008**

Congress extends (by voice vote in the House and by unanimous consent in the Senate) one way, duty-free treatment for virtually all Colombian goods entering the U.S. market.

## **August 2007 – April 2008**

Bush Administration completes more than 400 contacts with members of Congress on the Colombia FTA. More than 400 members have been invited to join congressional delegation trips (CODELS) to Colombia (55 members have traveled so far) to see first hand the progress in Colombia.

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