

ABSTRACT

Over time, the development of the world economy today, especially international trade, has entered a free trade regime where some countries and circles consider free trade as a form of occupation of new models. In international trade, uninterrupted trade in the country has the opportunity to benefit each country through the specialization of commodity products that are favored by each country, but in reality, the opening of an economy does not necessarily create prosperity for all countries involved in inside it.

International agreements such as free trade agreements are often used by countries as political instruments for national interests. International agreements in the field of trade are utilized by countries that have producers to eliminate or minimize the obstacles that exist in countries that have consumers and markets.

One such agreement is ACFTA. ACFTA has positive things if we look carefully. Whereas the form of the ACFTA agreement is to create a free trade area by removing barriers to trade in goods both tariffs and non-tariffs, increasing access to market services, regulations and investment provisions, as well as increasing aspects of economic cooperation to encourage economic relations between the ACFTA parties in improving community welfare ASEAN and China.

We have to make large walls to compete in the market. What must be done is to improve the existing infrastructure. The government will also give intensive to the industry if it is needed. Besides, technological capabilities and human resources must continue to be improved. The most important thing is how to develop connectivity so that efficiency can occur. It is essential for Indonesia to prepare everything before following the Free Trade Agreement in the future. The government and business actors need to prepare various efforts and steps in the future relating to free trade.

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