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GEORGIA-CHILE CONNECTION

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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Atlanta is home to an Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Chile; Ms. Erika M. Monckeberg serves as Honorary Consul.

In September 2005, Georgia opened an office in Chile to capitalize on the many opportunities resulting from the U.S. – Chile Free Trade Agreement. The office represents Georgia's economic development interests, including trade, investment, tourism and film. The office is located in Santiago and is managed by Brian Wilson.



The Chilean American Chamber of Commerce of the South was launched in October 2007 in Atlanta. Alberto Valenzuela of SCIP Group serves as Chairman and President.

The second annual Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF) was held in August 2008, in Atlanta. The Forum provides an opportunity for governments, the business community, and representatives from academia and non-governmental organizations to discuss actions that can be taken to improve competitiveness and economic prosperity in the Americas. The third annual ACF will be held in 2009 in Santiago.



TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Chile ranks 27th among Georgia's export partners. In 2008, exports to Chile totaled \$214 million and grew by 24% compared to 2007. Top exports from Georgia to Chile include machinery, plastic, paper, and wadding/felt/twine/rope. Georgia is also the largest U.S. exporter of textile products to Chile.

In 2008, over \$450 million worth of goods were imported from Chile into the Savannah Customs District, a 12% increase from the previous year. The Savannah Customs District's top imports from Chile include precious stones and metals, fish/seafood, base metals, and wood.

The U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement has opened opportunities for many agricultural products that had previously been prohibited. The Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA) works with the Chilean Agricultural Trade office to promote the trade of agricultural products.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia Companies with operations in Chile:

Arris Group Inc.
The Coca Cola Company
Crawford and Company
Delta Air Lines Inc.
Infor Global Solutions

Internet Security Systems Inc.
Lanier Worldwide Inc.
Newell Rubbermaid
Rock-Tenn Company
Ross Systems Inc.



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Russell Corporation
United Parcel Service Inc

UPS Supply Chain Solutions
WEG Electric Motors

Chilean Companies with operations in Georgia:

AGROAMERICA
Arauco Wood Products Inc.
Arboris LLC
ProChile: Chilean Export Marketing Corporation

CMPC USA
Masisa USA
SQM North America Inc.



TRANSPORTATION

Delta Air Lines offers daily direct flights from Atlanta to Santiago, Chile.

APL, Evergreen Line, Hamburg Sud, Maersk and Mediterranean Shipping sail weekly from the Port of Savannah to six Chilean ports.



COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION

More than 1,000 Chileans reside in the state of Georgia (U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey 2006).

Institutions within the University System of Georgia that have Chilean study abroad programs include Valdosta University, Armstrong Atlantic State University, and the University of Georgia.

