Government & Commerce

The Embassy of the Republic of Singapore in Washington, D.C. has jurisdiction over the state of Georgia. Ashok Kumar Mirpuri has served as Ambassador since July 2012.

In 2009, David Adelman, a Democratic state senator from Decatur, Georgia, was nominated to serve as the U.S Ambassador to Singapore by President Barack Obama. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate the following year. David Adelman was succeeded as ambassador to Singapore by Kirk Wagar in September 2013.

The Georgia Institute of Technology offers a summer study abroad program to Beijing and Singapore. Industrial engineering students are able to study and discover two of the most important cities in logistics and manufacturing.

The Georgia Institute of Technology established the Logistics Institute-Asia Pacific in coordination with the National University of Singapore. The institute offers research and education programs in global logistics, delivering cutting-edge research and development in logistics engineering, technology and management.

In July 2015, the Georgia Department of Economic Development in partnership with the Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA) hosted an incoming buyers’ mission from Singapore. Company representatives from Singapore met with Georgia agricultural companies to discuss potential business collaboration opportunities.

Trade Relationship

The U.S.-Singapore FTA was signed on May 6, 2003, and went into force on January 1, 2004. It was the first U.S. FTA with an Asian nation. All U.S. exports to Singapore became duty free immediately upon implementation.

EXPORTS: In 2014, Georgia exports to Singapore totaled $1.4 billion, a 6.15% increase over the previous year. Singapore is currently the 5th largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to Singapore include civilian aircraft, engines and parts, gas turbines, internal combustion piston engines, optical fibers, medical instruments and electric generating sets.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Singapore: civilian aircraft, engines and parts, internal combustion engines, poultry, and carpets and other textile floor coverings.

IMPORTS: In 2014, Georgia’s imports from Singapore totaled more than $301.9 million. Singapore is the 33rd largest import market for Georgia.

Top imports from Singapore include calculating machines, television receivers, medical instruments, medicaments, plastics and animal or vegetable fats or oils.
Capital Investment

There are at least **49 Georgia companies that have operations in Singapore**, including but not limited to:

- AFC Enterprises
- CDC Software
- CP Kelco
- Crawford & Company
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Delta Air Lines
- Halyard Health
- Hooters of America Inc
- Havells USA Inc.
- Interface, Inc
- Invesco LTD.
- Manhattan Associates Inc
- Merial Inc.
- PGi
- Recall Corporation
- Shaw Industries Inc.
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Travelport
- UPS

There are at least **22 Singaporean facilities operating in Georgia**. These Singaporean affiliated companies employ more than 1,229 Georgians. A list can be found online at [insite.georgia.org](http://insite.georgia.org).

Two large investments based on total employment include APL Logistics, a trucking operation located in Atlanta, and Universal, a peanut roasting and coated peanut products company operating in Peachtree City.

Transportation

Delta Air Lines has daily one-stop flights to Singapore via Japan.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah has an established relationship with the Port of Singapore. There are seven weekly shipping services offered.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) is the state’s sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, aligning workforce education and training with in-demand jobs, locating new markets for Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a destination for arts and location for film, music and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development.

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