



# Trade and health policy coherence in Thailand: mission (im)possible?

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Trade agreements can have direct and indirect impacts on health and health systems, but trade negotiations are undertaken by trained diplomats with limited, if any, direct health sector engagement. In this respect, Thailand is often cited as an exception, providing a positive example of a country that has achieved greater trade and health policy coherence. However, there has been no systematic analysis of the extent to which such coherence has been achieved, how it has been achieved, or how it may be improved. This study investigates this relationship in more depth and derives the lessons for global health diplomacy.

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