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?WikiLeaks [1] has revealed the latest version of the draft intellectual property chapter in the Trans-Pacific Trade (TPP) negotiations between Australia, the US and 10 other Pacific Rim countries,? Dr Patricia Ranald, Co-ordinator of the Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network said today.

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?Only the US and Japan are still holding out on dairy and sugar, and the US proposals are inconsistent with the US Congressional mandate for the TPP, which requires that the US must not make any concessions in trade-offs,? explained Dr .

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