

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Health Science Products and Services

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Commerce	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Health Science Products and Services	21406

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	02/24/2022	02/24/2026	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 93-618	03/27/1975	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates
No Meetings

	Current Next	
	FY	FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee continues to perform such functions and duties and prepares such reports, as may be required by Section 135 of the Trade Act, with respect to the industry trade advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and the United States

Trade Representative (USTR) on trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Act. The Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements under section 2103 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting its sector.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Secretary and the USTR make every effort to maintain balanced industry representation on the Committee. In order to achieve balanced representation, consideration is given to balance among sectors, product lines, small, medium, and large firms, and geographic areas. The Secretary and the USTR may seek additional nominations as necessary to ensure balanced representation and/or to meet a need for special representation. Members are selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance, the principal criterion for selection being the ability to carry out the objectives of this Committee as set forth in Section 3 of the ITAC's Charter. Secondary selection criteria are ensuring that the Committee is balanced in terms of points of view, geography, and company size.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year 5-6, depending on the work of the Committee. Six meetings were held in FY25.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Committee is essential to carry out the Secretary's and USTR's responsibilities under section 135(c)(2) of the 1974 Trade Act, as delegated by E.O. 11846 of March 27, 1975. There is no other Committee that can perform the duties of this Committee.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Industry Trade Advisory Committees were established by the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Subsection 135(f) of the Trade Act provides that the ITACs shall be exempt from the provisions of the FACA relating to open meetings, public notice, public participation, and public availability of documents when it is determined that the proceedings would, if disclosed, seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions regarding trade policy matters. ITAC meetings routinely involve these kinds of discussions. The Department of Commerce and the Office of the USTR evaluates each meeting agenda and issues a Notice of Determination when it is necessary to close meetings.

21. Remarks

Subcommittees, or their equivalents, are authorized to be formed under the terms of the Committees' charters, which were issued pursuant to Subsection 135 (f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-618) as amended, and the FACA (Public Law 92-463). Because subcommittees, or their equivalents, do not report out independently but through the parent Committee, the costs are included under the parent Committee. ITAC

members are appointed at the start of a new charter term and on a rolling basis throughout the four-year charter term. Resignations occur when a members change representation, leaves employment, due to ill-health, or no longer wants to serve as an advisor and departs prior to membership expiration date. All members who resign in the FY are kept on the ACR with effective resignation date. Appointment start/end dates may not match the listed appointment term as members are appointed on a rolling basis to fill vacancies throughout the ITAC's four-year charter term. Minutes of closed ITAC meetings are not available to the public.

Designated Federal Officer

Tracy Gerstle International Trade Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alben, Elissa	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Pfizer Inc.	Representative Member
Boylan, Elizabeth	07/06/2023	02/24/2026	FMC Corporation	Representative Member
Delisi, V. (Jim)	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Fanwood Chemical, Inc.	Representative Member
Goldman, Ira	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Lantheus Medical Imaging, Inc.	Representative Member
Goradia, Vijay	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Vinmar International, Ltd.	Representative Member
Gunn, Ph.D., Trevor	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	USA Healthcare Alliance, LLC	Representative Member
Ives, Ralph	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Advanced Medical Technology Association Representing The National Association of Chemical Distributors	Representative Member
Logue, John	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Andersen Products, Inc.	Representative Member
May, A. E. (Ted)	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Amgen	Representative Member
Neureiter, Paul	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	The Personal Care Products Council	Representative Member
Obermann, Natalie	07/06/2023	02/24/2026	S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.	Representative Member
Pearce, Christopher	04/19/2022	02/24/2026		

Ramaley, Grant	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Aseptico Incorporated	Representative Member
Schroeter, Lisa	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	The Dow Chemical Company	Representative Member
Spencer, Paul	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Corteva Agriscience	Representative Member
Zieser, Thomas	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	JACE Systems	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

The Committee performs such functions and duties and prepares such reports as may be required by section 135 of the Trade Act with respect to the industry trade advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary and the USTR concerning the trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Trade Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Trade Act. The Committee functions solely as an advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of the FACA, as amended, 5 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq., with the exceptions set forth in the Trade Act. In particular, the Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and the USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting its sectors; and performs such other advisory functions relevant to U.S. trade policy as may be requested by the Secretary and the USTR or their designees.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction

- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

The Industry Trade Advisory Committees (ITACs) advise the Secretary of Commerce and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on key objectives and bargaining positions for multilateral, regional, and bilateral trade negotiations and other trade policy matters. The ITACs were mandated by the Congress to ensure that trade negotiators are coordinating with the private sector during trade negotiations.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

32

Number of Recommendations Comments

On average 1-3 recommendations are made annually. The total number of recommendations is cumulative over the committee's life to date. The committee submitted two Letters of Recommendations in FY2025.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No measurable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No measurable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is rendered orally during meetings and written advice is sent to the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR, or their designees. Written advice is reviewed by the Secretary's policy staff and tasked to the appropriate ITA unit for draft response. Commerce's internal procedures require that all responses for Secretarial signature (or joint signature w/USTR) go through a formal concurrence process which ensures that the appropriate level officials are seeing the advice and opportunity to comment. The Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade reviews and clears prior to the Secretary's review and signature to ensure the ITAC advice is weighed and considered.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Information is provided to ITAC members through a secured website at USTR. Also the ITAC Office maintains its own website. Fast moving issues are communicated via email or via DFOs.