

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Forest Products

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Forest Products

3b. GSA

Committee No.

21410

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/14/2014

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/14/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

02/14/2018

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Merge

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 93-618

13. Effective Date

03/27/1975

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

2

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

The Committee members met via teleconference to be briefed and provide advice on revisions to Korea's Act on Sustainable Use of Timbers.

Start

End

11/16/2017 - 11/16/2017

The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues:
 North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA 2.0") Renegotiations, including sanitary and phytosanitary measures, rules of origin, technical trade barriers/regulatory cooperation; Illegal Logging Initiatives – APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade; Korea's Revised Act on Sustainable Use of Timbers; National Emission Standard for Formaldehyde in Composite Wood Products; Trade Enforcement Softwood Lumber Anti-Dumping (AD)/Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation and Agreement Update; Illegal Logging Initiatives – Lacey Act Update; Executive Order on "Buy American, Hire American; Executive Order on Overly Burdensome Regulations Impeding Trade; and Lumber Grading, Marking, and Labeling Technical Regulations Impacting International Trade in lumber products to Korea.

12/04/2017 - 12/04/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next 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	\$40,320.00	\$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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$40,320.00	\$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support

0.30 0.00

Years (FTE)**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee performs its functions and duties and prepare 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 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.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members shall be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance, the principal criterion for selection being ability to carry out the objectives of this Committee as set forth in Section 3 of the Charter. Secondary selection criteria are ensuring that the Committee is balanced in terms of points of view, commodity coverage, demographics, geography, and company size. Following the restructuring of the advisory committees, the committee is now comprised of representatives from the paper and paper products sector and the lumber and solid wood products sector

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

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4.

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

This Committee is essential to carry out the Secretary 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 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 United States Trade Representative 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 Federal Advisory Committee Act (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.

Designated Federal Officer

Brian Eric Ledgerwood Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Brummer, Michael	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Consultant, representing Fitzpatrick & Weller Company	Representative Member
Cole, Dana	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Hardwood Federation	Representative Member
Elias, Edward	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	APA - The Engineered Wood Association	Representative Member
Glowinski, Robert	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	American Wood Council	Representative Member
Handelsman, Jacob	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	American Forest & Paper Association	Representative Member
Hingle, Gerard (Jerry)	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Consultant, Representing Southern Forest Products Association	Representative Member
Johnson, Pamela	09/14/2018	02/14/2022	Georgia-Pacific LLC	Representative Member
Kevers, Robert	10/14/2014	02/14/2018	Georgia-Pacific Corporation	Representative Member
Kretschmann, David	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	American Lumber Standard Committee, Inc.	Representative Member
Mann, Mary	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	International Paper	Representative Member
McClendon, Brent	09/14/2018	02/14/2022	National Wood Pallet & Container Association	Representative Member
Nguyen, An Di	02/28/2018	08/08/2018	Softwood Export Council	Representative Member
Squires, Esq., Cindy	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	International Wood Products Association	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

The Committee shall perform such functions and duties and

prepare 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. App., 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

2

Number of Recommendations Comments

On average 2-3 recommendations are made annually. The total number of recommendations is for the 2014-2018 charter term to date.

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.

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.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Most feedback is rendered orally during meetings. When written advice is sent to the

Secretary of Commerce and the USTR, or their designees, it 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A

