

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Textiles and Clothing

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Textiles and Clothing

3b. GSA Committee No.

21417

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/14/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/14/2022

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

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 Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

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

\$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

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| 18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18d. Total | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE) | 0.00 | 0.00 |

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee is performing 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 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?

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, demographics, geography, and company size.

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

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 8 to 10.

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 relevant 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

Laurie Mease International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------------|
| Abrams, Charles | 01/13/2020 | 02/14/2022 | Dela Incorporated | Representative Member |
| Bates, Patricia | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Consultant Representing The United States Industrial Fabrics Institute | Representative Member |
| Beatty, Sara | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Consultant, Representing National Council of Textile Organizations | Representative Member |
| Cady, Sean | 09/14/2018 | 02/14/2022 | VF Corporation | Representative Member |
| Cochrane, Edward | 02/28/2018 | 05/26/2021 | Mount Vernon Mills, Inc. | Representative Member |
| Dougherty, Shawn | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Dillon Yarn Corporation | Representative Member |
| Draughn, Dean | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Under Armour, Inc. | Representative Member |
| Ethington, M. Todd | 03/11/2019 | 02/14/2022 | National Council of Textiles Organizations | Representative Member |
| Franken, Jessica | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Consultant, representing INDIA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry | Representative Member |
| Gorman, Monica | 02/28/2018 | 02/26/2021 | New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc. | Representative Member |
| Herman, Nathaniel (Nate) | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Travel Goods Association | Representative Member |
| Iacobello, Maristella | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | PVH Corporation | Representative Member |
| Johnson, Jane | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Unifi, Inc. | Representative Member |
| Korchmar, Michael | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Korchmar Leather Specialty Company | Representative Member |
| Lamar, Stephen | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | American Apparel & Footwear Association | Representative Member |
| Lester, Stephanie | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Gap Inc. | Representative Member |
| Mostofsky, Stephen | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | TTI Global Resources, Inc. | Representative Member |
| Poovey, William | 03/11/2019 | 02/14/2022 | Champion Thread Company | Representative Member |

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| Priest, R. Matthew | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America | Representative Member |
| Sanders, Charles | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Union Underwear Company, Inc., dba Fruit of the Loom | Representative Member |
| Voit, Timothy | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Thomaston Mills, division of ATD-American Company | Representative Member |
| Warshaw, Eric | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | Consultant, Representing Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association | Representative Member |
| Whalen, Esq., Jeffrey | 02/28/2018 | 02/14/2022 | NIKE, Inc. | Representative Member |

Number of Committee Members Listed: 23

Narrative Description

The Committee shall perform such functions and duties and prepare reports, as required by Section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. The Committee advises the Secretary and the USTR concerning trade matters referred to in Sections 101, 102, and 124 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended; with respect to the operation of any agreement once entered into; and with respect to other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation, and administration of the trade policy of the United States including those matters referred to in Reorganization Plan Number 3 of 1979 and Executive Order 12188, and the priorities for actions thereunder. In particular, the Committee provides detailed policy advice, information and recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR on a broad range of trade policies and initiatives including customs, standards, non-tariff barriers, rules of origin, the World Trade Organization Doha Round of trade negotiations, Free Trade Agreement negotiations. ITAC 13 also provides advice to the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on China textile safeguard actions, bilateral trade negotiations, transshipment issues, and commercial availability.

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

Checked if Applies

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| 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

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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

N/A

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

13

Number of Recommendations Comments

On average 2-3 recommendations are made annually. The total number of recommendations is cumulative for committee's life 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 measureable 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 bi-lateral and multi-lateral 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 bi-lateral and multi-lateral 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

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 appropriate ITA units to prepare draft responses. Commerce internal procedures require that all responses for Secretarial signature (and/or joint signature with USTR) go through a formal concurrence process which ensures that the appropriate level Commerce officials are seeing the advice and have a chance for comment. The Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade reviews and clears prior to the Secretary's review and signature, which ensures that 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

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| Reorganized Priorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

N/A

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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

Checked if Applies

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

Access Comments

N/A