

2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Paper and Paper Products for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 12)

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1. Department or Agency Department of Commerce **2. Fiscal Year** 2004

3. Committee or Subcommittee **3b. GSA Committee No.**

Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Paper and Paper Products for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 12) 347

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? No **5. Current Charter** 03/17/2004 **6. Expected Renewal Date** 03/18/2004 **7. Expected Term Date** 06/16/2004

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? Yes **8b. Specific Termination Authority** **8c. Actual Term Date** 06/16/2004

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year Terminate **10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?** Yes **10b. Legislation Pending?** Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority 19 U.S.C. 2155 **13. Effective Date** 01/03/1975 **14. Committee Type** Continuing **14c. Presidential?** No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 4

16b. Report Date	Report Title
03/04/2004	U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement
03/04/2004	U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement
04/02/2004	U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement
04/19/2004	U.S.-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 4

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 4 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total Meetings and Dates** 4

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss the President's Illegal Logging Initiative, Ex-Im Bank loan procedures, WTO issues, Australia Free Trade Agreement, Central America Free Trade Agreement, Saudi Arabia and Russia WTO accessions, and the Free Trade Area of the Americas	12/19/2003	12/19/2003
The purpose of the teleconference was for the committee to fulfill its statutory requirement of the trade advisory committees under Section 135(e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. Specifically, the ISAC deliberated and finalized its positions for reports relating to the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the U.S.-Central America FTA.	03/03/2004	03/03/2004

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Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	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	\$64,000.00	\$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	\$64,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the ISAC is to discuss the most sensitive, critical trade policy issues and negotiations, to develop industry specific and market priority positions on major policy initiatives and receive and provide input from the U.S. Government on the status of issues and policies which affect the U.S. paper and allied products industries. The Committee represents the range of domestic pulp, paper and paperboard products processing sectors. The ISAC remains concerned about the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Uruguay Round WTO Commitments, Doha Round of WTO, Free Trade Area of the Americas, the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation, the series of Free Trade Agreements and negotiations, several WTO country accessions, China WTO compliance, tariff eliminations, subsidies, environmental issues, and technical barriers to trade. The industry would like to see tariff elimination for all pulp, paper, and paperboard products. The ISAC desired to remain active during this charter term to assist the U.S. Government in developing negotiating strategy for a number of key trade policy issues, especially for the Doha Round of WTO trade negotiations, China's WTO Accession and Compliance, U.S.-Australia, Morocco, Central America, and Dominican Republic FTAs, and environmental reviews. The industry met with senior USTR and Commerce officials throughout the year in order to advance the industry's negotiating objectives. As part of the Committee's input, the ISAC provided key written and oral submissions to the USTR, Commerce, and State officials highlighting key access issues and problems in the Asia

Pacific and Central American regions. In FY 2003, there were a number of other issues that ISAC 12 followed very closely, offered key advice to the U.S. Government, and adopted formal negotiating positions to assist the U.S. Government in various negotiations. These included: the Doha Round of WTO negotiations; the Australia, Central American, Dominican Republic, and Morocco FTAs and environmental review; Global Climate Change/President's Initiative Against Illegal Logging; a variety of WTO accessions; Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA); Trade and Environment Committee of the World Trade Organization; the U.S.-EU Transatlantic Economic Partnership; and, the U.S.-EU Transatlantic Business Dialogue.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The ISAC continues to endure a transition period. Recent mergers and acquisitions activities in the industry have limited the availability of corporate membership. Replacements for some of the traditional committee members that have recently retired have been identified, however, the replacement of previous members is slow in taking place. The ISAC is balanced in the areas of regional and product coverage, but more support from the packaging and converting industries would broaden the ISAC's level of perspective and expertise in many product categories and policy initiatives. Increased industry membership is necessary to make the input from this ISAC viable in the development of U.S.G trade policy.

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

The Committee had 4 meetings this year. However, the actual number of future meetings is dictated by Government need for private sector advice. The U.S. Government will be engaged in multilateral and bilateral trade policy initiatives including the new WTO round, Free Trade Area of the Americas, Central America Free Trade Agreement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development issues, Japan, World Trade Organization accession by numerous countries, and enforcement of trade agreements. The advice the Government receives from the private sector through the advisory committee will be an ongoing process and will be an intrinsic part of developing U.S. negotiating and implementing positions for all policy negotiations.

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

The Committee structure ensures a unique source of information to the Government. All members have security clearances and through a continuing dialogue with Government officials are made aware of Government trade policy at a level not otherwise available to the private sector. Because this Committee remains current in the broad spectrum of trade policy rather than a single facet--as would be the case in the absence of a

committee structure--the private sector input from the committee is more pertinent. The advisory committee program is legislatively mandated and is a formal comprehensive consultative link between the U.S. Government and U.S. industry. The program has the responsibility to address all issues concerning trade policy.

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

The Industry Consultations Program was 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 ISACs 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. ISAC meetings routinely involve these kinds of discussions. The United States Trade Representative (USTR) evaluates each meeting agenda and issues a Notice of Determination when it is necessary to close meetings.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Gary L. Stanley DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Brummer, Michael	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	York Paper Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Budzik, Ronald	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Mead-Westvaco Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Diez, Angel	05/27/2003	06/16/2004	Pope and Talbot, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Greiner, Charles	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	International Paper Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Norlen, Douglas	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Pacific Environment Resources Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Onustock, Michael	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Weyerhaeuser Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Paterson, David	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Georgia-Pacific Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rahn, Harold	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Norcom, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Maureen	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	American Forest and Paper Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

The Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and

recommendations to the Secretary and the USTR regarding trade barriers and implementation of trade agreements negotiated under Sections 101 or 102 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and Sections 1102 and 1103 of the 1988 Trade Act, which affect the products of its sector; 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

Effective in formulating the trade policy and objectives of the United States.

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

No measurable calculation is possible as recommendations are mostly made during meetings.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

for the life of the committee?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee submitted their statutory report on U.S.-Bahrain FTA; however, no measurable calculation is possible as recommendations are mostly made orally to trade negotiators during meetings.

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 is possible as recommendations are mostly made during meetings.

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

60%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No measurable calculation as section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, does not bind the USTR and the Secretary of Commerce to the advice submitted by the Committee.

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 Secretary's policy staff and tasked to appropriate ITA unit to prepare draft response. Commerce internal procedures require that all responses for Secretarial signature (and/or joint signature with USTR) go through a concurrence process which ensures that the appropriate level Commerce officials are seeing the advice and have a chance for comment. All formal responses must be cleared by the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade prior to Secretary's 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Issued changes to text of trade agreements.

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

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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

NA