

2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Consumer Goods for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 4)

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2004

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Consumer Goods for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 4)

3b. GSA Committee No.

339

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

No

8c. Actual Term Date

06/16/2004

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

No

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

03/11/2004

03/11/2004

04/05/2004

04/20/2004

Report Title

ISAC 4 report on CAFTA Agreement

ISAC 4 report on US-Australia FTA

ISAC 4 Report on US-Morocco FTA

ISAC 4 Report on US-Dominican Republic FTA

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 4

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 3 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

To brief ISAC members on several trade issues including status of WTO Doha Round, WTO Agricultural, China WTO Compliance, EU Expansion, Free Trade Area of the Americas, and tariffs.

To discuss and provide advice on Free Trade Agreements with Central America, Australia, Morocco, Dominican Republic, FTAA, Bilateral Investment Treaty, WTO Doha Round of Trade Negotiations, WTO China Compliance, and tariff issues.

To discuss and approve mandatory ISAC reports on CAFTA and Australia Free Trade Agreements.

Start

10/07/2003 - 10/07/2003

01/21/2004 - 01/21/2004

03/11/2004 - 03/11/2004

End

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

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	\$48,000.00	\$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.)	\$458.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$48,458.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.40	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Consumer Goods provides advice and recommendations on a wide range of trade policy issues affecting the consumer goods industries. For example, ISAC 4 continued to recommend the removal of foreign trade barriers such as the Mexican Reference Pricing System. ISAC 4 also expressed strong support for the WTO Negotiations and the FTAA. It continues to support the Chinese Compliance to their accession to the WTO. ISAC 4 members are also determined to make sure that U.S. negotiating strategies in multilateral fora include/take into account the interests of their sector, especially with regard to discussions on tariffs and non-tariff barriers or in retaliation cases when restrictions on imports may impede upon the exporting opportunities of the consumer goods industry.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

ISAC 4 membership covers a wide range of consumer goods including appliances, sporting goods, toys, jewelry, ceramics and glassware, motorcycles, outdoor power equipment, processed foods and beverages, boats, school and office products and tobacco products. The ISAC contains a wide range of views regarding foreign trade. The more competitive industries are interested in the removal of foreign trade barriers while the less competitive industries want to slow U.S. tariff reductions.

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

The Committee meets approximately four times a year. However, the actual number of 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 DOHA/WTO Round Negotiations, Free Trade Agreement for the Americas, FTA for Chile and Singapore issues, World Trade Organization implementation and accession by Russia, China, Saudi Arabia, and other countries, and enforcement of trade agreements. The

advice the Government receives from the private sector through the advisory committees will be an ongoing process and will be an intrinsic part of developing U.S. 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, legislatively mandated, is the single formal comprehensive consultative link between the U.S. Government and U.S. industry and 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

John A. Vanderwolf DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Batson, Russell	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	American Furniture Manufacturers Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brandl, Phillip	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	National Housewares Manufacturers Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Catania, Thomas	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Whirlpool Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cove, Thomas	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Sporting Goods Manufacturers Assoc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Fay, Robert	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Incredible Technologies, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hoelter, Timothy	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Harley-Davidson Motor Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Husick, Charles	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	OWA Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jacobson, Steven	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	School Home and Office Products Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lamb, Deborah	04/01/2002	06/16/2004	Distilled Spirits Council of the United States	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lasoff, Laurence	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Representing Outdoor Power Equipment Inst., Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LeBlanc, Justin	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	National Fisheries Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Levy, M	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Representing Toy Manufacturers of America	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Marquart, James	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Manufacturers Jewelers and Silversmiths of America	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McDonough, Patrick	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Representing Libbey, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McGuire, Joseph	05/27/2003	06/16/2004	Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, R	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Procter & Gamble Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nelson, Jr, Donald	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Phillips Morris Companies, Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Resler, Barclay	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	The Coca-Cola Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rudowicz, Michael	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Representing the American Amusement Machine Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rushing, Hugh	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Cookware Manufacturers Assoc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rutledge, E.	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Brown-Forman Beverages Worldwide	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sharp, Norman	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Cigar Assoc of America	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
St.Maxens, Thomas	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Representing Mattel, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Suttmeier, Catherine	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Oneida, Ltd	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thompson, John	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Hall China Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wiley, Deborah	04/23/2003	06/16/2004	John Wiley and Sons, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 26

Narrative Description

The committee provides negotiators with advice on trade issues for consumer goods industries.

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

NA

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

NA

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

During ISAC meetings agencies provide feedback on how U.S. industry advice was viewed by other governments.

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

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input 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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

NA