

2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Transportation Construction and Agricultural Equipment for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 16)

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Commerce	2004
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Transportation Construction and Agricultural Equipment for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 16)	351

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

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	19 U.S.C. 2155	06/16/2004

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

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

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 4

16b. Report Date	Report Title
03/10/2004	U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement
04/06/2004	U.S.-Morocco FTA Report
04/15/2004	U.S.-Dominican Republic FTA
04/19/2004	Central America Free Trade Agreement

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 4

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 5 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 5

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
ISAC Restructuring, Free Trade Area of the Americas, Central America Free Trade Agreement, North American Initiative, WTO Market Access Issues, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Thailand Trade Investment Framework Agreement, U.S.-Australia FTA.	01/13/2004	01/13/2004
U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement and Central America Free Trade Agreement.	03/08/2004	03/08/2004

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 5

	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	\$34,000.00	\$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	\$34,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

ISAC 16 members provide input to government representatives on a variety of subjects, including upcoming negotiations on the WTO negotiations, U.S.-Chile FTA, Free Trade of the Americas Agreement, the APEC Auto Dialogue, Russian WTO Accession, Central America FTA, U.S.-Australia FTA, U.S.-Morocco FTA, 201 Steel safeguard, Thailand Trade Investment Framework, and NAFTA Trucking Issues. The committee meets, discusses issues and prepares documents stating their and industry position on trade and policy issues as wide as global trade to specific trade problems experienced by their respective firms. The committee is made up of members from a wide variety of firms in the transportation industry. The committee reviewed U.S.-Chile FTA, U.S.-Singapore FTA, FTAA and NAFTA negotiations, the status of China PNTR, and APEC Automotive Dialogue negotiations and recommended to the U.S. Government that the United States continue to seriously review the economic and international competitiveness consequences of proposed national solutions to U.S. commitments. ISAC 16 members also encourage participation of industry in trade missions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

ISAC 16 members represent industries significant to the United States' manufacturing base-motor vehicle, automotive parts, construction, mining, rolling stock and agricultural industries. A large percentage of ISAC 16 is focused on the automotive sector. All ISAC 16 members are trade policy experts that are able to provide the U.S. government with quick access to industry views on trade policy.

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

Last fiscal year the committee met quarterly with special meetings on U.S.-Australia, U.S.-Morocco, U.S.-Dominican Republic, and U.S.-Central America FTAs. The committee was terminated as part of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee restructuring on April 15, 2004. The actual number of meetings was dictated by Government need for private sector advice. 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 ensured a unique source of information to the Government. All members had security clearances and through a continuing dialogue with Government officials were made aware of Government trade policy at a level not otherwise available to the private sector. Because these committees remained 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 committees was more pertinent. The advisory committee program, legislatively mandated was the single formal comprehensive consultative link between the U.S. Government and U.S. industry and had 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 provided 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 was determined that the proceedings would, if disclosed, seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions regarding trade policy matters. ISAC meetings routinely involved these kinds of discussions. The United States Trade Representative (USTR) evaluated each meeting agenda and issued a Notice of Determination when it was necessary to close meetings.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Forrest E. Nielsen DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bates, Christopher	03/17/2004	06/16/2004	Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Collins, Steve	05/27/2003	06/16/2004	Automotive Trade Policy Council	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dort, Dean	03/17/2002	06/15/2003	Deere and Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kadrich, Lee	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Latin-Kasper, Stephen	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	National Truck Equipment Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Magelby, Curtis	04/24/2003	06/16/2004	Ford Motor Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mohatarem, G.	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	General Motors, Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spencer, Linda	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Specialty Market Equipment Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Trueblood, Thomas	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Navistar International Transportation Corp	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 trade policy objectives of the Administration.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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

NA

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

0

Number of Recommendations 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 Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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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 is possible as recommendations are mostly made during meetings.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

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

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

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

Access Comments

NA