

## 2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

### 2. Fiscal Year

2004

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

375

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

### 5. Current Charter

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

No

01/30/2003

12/31/2003

12/31/2003

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

PL 105-261

### 8c. Actual Term Date

12/31/2003

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

PL 100-418, as amended  
by PL 105-261

### 13. Effective Date

08/23/1988

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

1

### 16b. Report Date

Report Title

Report to the Secretary of  
12/17/2003 Commerce by the Members of the  
Auto Parts Advisory Committee

### Number of Committee Reports Listed:

1

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 1 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss issues related to U.S. automotive parts sales to Japanese and other Asian markets.	12/10/2003	12/10/2003

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.15	0.00

### 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The APAC's authorizing legislation expired on December 31, 2003. Members were invited to join the Automotive & Capital Goods Industry Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC-2). The U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (APAC) was comprised of representatives of the U.S. automotive parts industry. The Committee provided advice and made recommendations to

DOC and other Administration officials on all issues related to the sales of U.S.-made auto parts in Japanese and other Asian markets. The APAC provided input to the Department for the APEC Automotive Dialogue and for automotive-related discussions with the Government of Japan.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee brought together a wide spectrum of representation of the auto parts industry. Included on the Committee were all levels of management from small, medium and large U.S. original equipment and aftermarket auto parts firms as well as representatives from the automotive parts trade associations and the UAW.

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

The U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (APAC) met three times during fiscal year 2003 and once during fiscal year 2004. The APAC provided advice to the Department on all issues related to the progress of U.S. auto parts sales to the Japanese and Asian automotive industry.

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

There is no substitute for direct advice from those individuals directly involved in selling U.S. auto parts to the Japanese and Asian automotive industry. Having the APAC's input and hearing their experiences enabled the Department to be aware of problems the U.S. auto parts industry faced in its attempts to sell to Japanese and other Asian vehicle manufacturers. The meetings also provided a venue to explore possible alternatives for addressing U.S.-Japan automotive issues as

well as automotive-related issues with other Asian markets. The Committee's issues will now be addressed under ITAC-2.

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

The Committee meetings were closed to the public because negotiating strategy was discussed, business confidential information was disclosed, USG officials briefed the Committee on U.S.-Japan automotive issues and the APEC Automotive Dialogue, and the Committee provided input for highly sensitive USG negotiating positions for the talks and consultations held with the Japanese and other Asian Governments.

## **21. Remarks**

On December 31, 2003, the APAC's authorizing legislation, the Fair Trade in Automotive Parts Act of 1998, Section 3804 of Public Law 105-261, expired. Former APAC members were invited to join the Automotive and Capital Goods Industry Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC-2).

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Henry P. Misisco DFO

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Anderson, John	06/04/2002	12/31/2003	Director of Corporate Affairs, Delphi Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bates, Christopher	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	President & CEO, Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Beckman, Steven	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	Assistant Director, Governmental & International Affairs Dept., United Auto Workers	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Blum, Charles	03/06/2003	12/31/2003	Senior V.P., Business Development, American Products Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cole, Robert	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Coleman, Ronald	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	President & CEO, Competition Cams, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DeKoker, Neil	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	Managing Director, Original Equipment Suppliers Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gridley, David	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	Executive Dir., Marketing Services & Government Affairs, Timken	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hubacker, Fred	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	Senior Executive Consultant, Apollo Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kadrich, Lee	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	V.P., Government Affairs & Trade, Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kawasaki, Wade	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	President, Avanche Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McMahon, Kevin	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	Director, Government Relations, TRW Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rosenbluth, Steven	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	Vice President & COO, BTR Enterprises, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Singer, Richard	01/30/2001	01/30/2003	Manager, Battery Division, Ferrex International	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Spencer, Linda	01/30/2001	12/31/2003	Director, Int'l & Gov't Relations, Specialty Equipment Market Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
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**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### Narrative Description

The U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee's authorizing legislation expired at the end of 2003. During its existence, the APAC provided advice and made recommendations to the Department of Commerce and other Administration officials on all issues related to the sales of U.S.-made auto parts in Japanese and other Asian markets, as well as helped to identify trade barriers in Japan and other Asian markets. Having the APAC's input and hearing their experiences enabled the Department to be aware of problems the U.S. auto parts industry faced in its attempts to sell to Japanese and other Asian vehicle manufacturers.

### 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 type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

### Outcome Comments

During its existence, the APAC provided advice which assisted the Department in its automotive-related negotiations and dialogues with Japan and other Asian governments.

### 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**

Unable to determine.

**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**

Unable to determine.

**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**

Unable to determine.

**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 its existence, the Department as well as other government agencies kept the Committee informed of automotive-related discussions or negotiations held with the Japanese government or other Asian governments. Pros and cons of recommendations were also discussed during APAC meetings.

### 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input 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

NA