

2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Textiles and Apparel for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 15)

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1. Department or Agency Department of Commerce
2. Fiscal Year 2004
3. Committee or Subcommittee Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Textiles and Apparel for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC 15)
3b. GSA Committee No. 350

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? No
10b. Legislation Pending?

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

03/19/2004	ISAC 15 Report on U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement
04/06/2004	ISAC 15 Report on U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement
04/22/2004	ISAC 15 Report on U.S.-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement
05/12/2004	ISAC 15 Report on U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 4

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 7 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 7

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To brief Committee members on the textile talks with the five Central American countries during the September 2003 round of U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) negotiations. Key to the CAFTA is the successful conclusion of the textile negotiations. Advisors provided critical input to USG negotiators of the textile and apparel provisions. The advisors also received a de-brief on the WTO Cancun Ministerial.	10/01/2003	10/01/2003

To discuss and provide advice on the activities of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA), including the China textile safeguard, commercial availability petitions, the Vietnam bilateral textile agreement, and efforts by Customs and Border Protection to combat textile and apparel transshipment; the status of the selection of technologies for the textile marker system; the status of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with Australia, Central America, the Southern African Customs Union; discussions with Sri Lanka on the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement; an update on the Doha Round; and an update on the ISAC 15 subcommittee work to develop recommendations for streamlined paperwork requirements for textile and apparel trade preference programs. 10/23/2003 - 10/23/2003

To discuss and provide advice on the restructuring of the Advisory Committees, with emphasis on the merger of ISAC 8, footwear, leather and luggage with ISAC 15 to form one Trade Advisory Committee; the status of FTA negotiations with Central America and Morocco; CITA activities, including the China textile safeguard and the Vietnam bilateral textile agreement. 12/08/2003 - 12/08/2003

The teleconference was held so that the Committee could fulfill the requirement that was renewed in the Trade Act of 2002, that Trade Advisory Committees provide the President, the U.S. Trade Representative and Congress with reports on trade agreements as required under Section 135 (e)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974. The advisors were briefed on the key textile and apparel provisions of CAFTA. The advisors agreed to an appropriate timetable for sending opinions on the agreements to the Chair and the Vice Chair in order to draft the reports. 01/27/2004 - 01/27/2004

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Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 7

	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	\$13,898.00	\$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	\$231.00	\$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	\$14,129.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.20	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

ISAC 15 provided advice to the Department of Commerce and to the United States Trade Representative on a wide range of issues during the charter period. The committee was particularly active in issues regarding Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with Australia, Central America, the Dominican Republic and Morocco, and market access and compliance issues. The committee provided valuable input on negotiating positions for these negotiations, as well as FTA negotiations with the Southern African Customs Union. ISAC 15 members advised the interagency Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on trade negotiations including three China textile safeguard actions, transshipment issues, rules of origin, and commercial availability petitions. The Committee also continued its subcommittee work, to streamlining paperwork requirements for textile and apparel trade preference programs.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership of ISAC 15 is well-balanced geographically and also in terms of the number of industry sectors and viewpoints represented. Industry trade associations and individual companies are represented on the committee. The textile sector committee members include fiber producers, yarn spinners, fabric mills, fabric dyers and finishers, carpet mills, and household and industrial textile product manufacturers. The apparel sector members comprise outerwear, underwear, knitwear, and neckwear. The majority of companies represented manufacture domestically and most export their goods, while some include import operations. All of these segments of the industry bring different viewpoints on the international trade issues considered at committee meetings.

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

ISAC 15 meets three to six times a year. The actual number of meetings is determined by Government need for private sector advice and the consensus of the Committee regarding meeting frequency and dates. Members offer advice throughout the year at meetings, through phone calls, and by fax and letter. The advice the Government receives from the private sector through the advisory committee will be an on-going 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

Maria D'Andrea DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Andersen, Gerald	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Men's Dress Furnishings Association, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cook, James	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	SaraLee Branded Apparel	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Deadwyler, Joe	10/23/2003	06/16/2004	Haggar Clothing Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dougherty, Shawn	08/14/2003	06/16/2004	Dillon Yarn Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ecker, Robert	05/27/2003	05/03/2004	Cordage Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hansen, Charles	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Consultant representing Pillowtex Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hubbard, Michael	05/28/2003	06/16/2004	American Yarn Spinners Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jaeger, Mark	05/01/2002	06/16/2004	Jockey International	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, Cass	01/21/2004	03/26/2004	American Textile Manufacturers Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, Jane	07/21/2003	06/16/2004	Unifi, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kaplan, Robert	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Clothing Manufacturers Association of the U.S.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lamar, Stephen	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	American Apparel and Footwear Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Levine, Lance	11/14/2003	06/16/2004	MFI International Manufacturing, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Martin, Wendy	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Kellwood Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Martino, Richard	08/14/2003	06/16/2004	Russell-Newman, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mayberry, Peter	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McCuan-Kirsch, Connie	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Textile Bag Manufacturers Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, III, John	04/24/2003	06/16/2004	Carpet and Rug Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moore, Carlos	07/21/2003	06/16/2004	Consultant to Galey and Lord	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nash, Jr., John	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Milliken and Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
O'Day, Paul	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	American Fiber Manufacturers Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Price, Darcy	03/17/2002	03/05/2004	Levi Strauss & Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sattler, Theodore	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Phillips-VanHeusen Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shuster, George	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Cranston Print Works	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spilhaus, Karl	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	National Textile Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tantillo, Augustine	05/28/2003	06/16/2004	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vane, Mary	03/17/2002	06/16/2004	Invista, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Williams, Sr., Richard	05/28/2003	06/16/2004	Williams Companies	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 28

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, with respect to the sector and functional advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary and the USTR concerning the 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 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; advises the Committee for the Implementation of

Textile Agreements on commercial availability petitions under Section 112(b)(5)(B) of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, and Section 211 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, amending Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act; Sections 1 and 6 of Executive Order No. 13191; 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

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?

Number of Recommendations Comments

ISAC 15 generally does not have a consensus view on textile and apparel trade issues. Under Section 135(e)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 regarding any trade agreement entered into under section 2103(a) or (b) of the Trade Act of 2002, the Committee was required to provide the U.S. Trade Representative, the President, and Congress with reports on the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement (FTA); the U.S.-Central America FTA; the U.S.-Dominican Republic FTA; and the U.S.-Morocco FTA. The reports included an advisory committee opinion as to whether and to what extent the agreements promote the economic interests of the United States and achieve the applicable overall and principle negotiating objectives, and whether the agreements provide for equity and reciprocity within the textile and apparel area. These reports reflected diverse advisory opinions on the proposed Agreements.

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

Given that ISAC 15 generally does not have a consensus view on textile and apparel trade issues, it is not possible to measure the approximate percentage of the recommendations that have been or will be partially implemented by the agency.

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 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 the Secretary's signature, which ensures that ISAC/IFAC 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
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" 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