2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Customs and Border Protection User Fee Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Homeland Security	2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
U.S. Customs and Border Protection User Fee Advisory Committee	627

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/21/2019	06/21/2021	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
8 U.S.C. 1356(k)	10/30/1986	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

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

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	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	$0.00	$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	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Advisory Committee focuses its attention on those areas of most concern and benefit to the travel industry, the traveling public, and the Federal Government. Advice from the Committee can influence staffing decisions at field locations, help to shorten inspection time-frames, and improve the flow of legitimate trade and people through more than 300 ports of entry. The Committee also provides advice considerate of impacts imposed upon industry from possible operational or policy changes.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Committee membership is composed of agencies and businesses from the travel industry. Represented are national and international travel industry organizations, large airport facilities, and businesses representing the largest airlines and cruise companies.

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

There were no public meetings during FY 22 and FY23. The Committee generally meets at least once a year. The meetings provide a forum for the industry to voice concerns and give recommendations to CBP and gives the agency an opportunity to report on progress achieved since the last meeting.

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

The Committee serves to focus attention on those areas of most concern and benefit to both the travel industry and the federal government. It provides the travel industry and other interested parties a forum to discuss current inspection programs and fees. In addition, it provides the agency with the opportunity to elicit feedback and discuss proposed program and fee changes.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

NA

Designated Federal Officer

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Narrative Description

This Advisory Committee provides a forum for representatives of the travel and trade community to be actively involved with CBP concerning operational and financial issues that can affect them. The feedback provided by the Advisory Committee helps CBP to align resources and respond to the needs of the travel and trade communities. CBP benefits from receiving feedback about proper personnel levels and projected work volume increases. By virtue of the discussions and planning associated with this Advisory Committee, CBP is also better able to ensure the seamless flow of legitimate trade and travel into and out of the United States. Given the size, complexity and scope of the CBP mission, and the large size of the private sector staff and facilities, the professional advice, experience, expertise, and technical assistance that the Advisory Committee and its advisory organization provide are critical to the overall mission of CBP.

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?

60

Number of Recommendations Comments

A total of 60 formal recommendations have been issued over the life of the committee. There were no recommendations during FY22 and FY 23 since the Committee was inactive and did not hold any meetings.

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

38%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

CBP has implemented a number of the recommendations that have been made by the committee. These include, but are not limited to, seeking increased appropriations to address airport staffing needs, creation of federal inspection service facilities standards in the airport environment, and providing more transparency in the allocation of funds for inspectional personnel.

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

18%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

There are several recommendations that CBP is in the process of implementing. These include, but are not limited to, the consolidation of the three current industry fees into one fee, the improvement of performance measures to assess our efficiency and timeliness in performing inspections, and ensuring more consistency in procedures from port to port.

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

Yes ☑ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

This committee usually meets at least once a year. It is during the meetings that CBP provides feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations and address any other advice offered by the committee. Due to leadership changes within the Agency, DFO Verification is not possible at this time.

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

Because of the sensitive law enforcement/intelligence nature of CBP operations we cannot speak in specifics, but committee recommendations are considered in workforce planning activities.

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

Transcripts of each meeting are made available online approximately two weeks following each meeting. There is an advisory committee website that can be accessed by members and the public that will have information about meetings and presentations. There is a committee email address that the public and industry can send questions or comments to be answered. The email address is located on the committee website.