

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Automotive Equipment and Capital Goods

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Commerce	2024
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.

Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Automotive Equipment and Capital Goods	21404
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4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	02/24/2022	02/24/2026	

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

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	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. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 93-618	03/27/1975	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year
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17a. Open	0	17b. Closed	1	17c. Partially Closed	0	Other Activities	0	17d. Total	1
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Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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To be briefed and provide advice on ITA
Trade priorities, China 301 Review and
China Trade Update, USMCA Autos Report,
Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for
Prosperity (IPEF), Global Supply Chain,
Standards and Technical Regulations,
U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council
(TTC), Critical Minerals Trade, Americas 01/31/2024 - 01/31/2024
Partnership for Economic Prosperity (APEP),
EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability:
Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl
Substances (PFAS) and Registration,
Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of
Chemicals (REACH), and AI Initiative Trade
Issues.

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current Next	
	FY	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 Committee performs such functions and

duties and prepares such reports, as may be required by Section 135 of the Trade Act, with respect to the industry trade advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Act. The Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements under section 2103 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting its sector.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Secretary and the USTR make every effort to maintain balanced industry representation on the Committee. In order to achieve balanced representation, consideration is given to balance among sectors, product lines, small, medium, and large firms, and geographic areas. In addition, the Secretary and the USTR are committed to achieving diversity in the membership of the Committee to the maximum extent practicable consistent with the need for balanced industry representation and expertise. The Secretary and the USTR may seek additional nominations as necessary to ensure balanced representation, to meet a need for special representation, or to achieve diversity and demographic balance. Members are selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance, the principal criterion for selection being the ability to carry out the objectives of this Committee as set forth in Section

3 of the ITAC's Charter. Secondary selection criteria are ensuring that the Committee is balanced in terms of points of view, demographics, geography, and company size.

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

On average the Committee meets approximately 4-6 times per year, depending upon the work of the Committee.

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

This Committee is essential to carry out the Secretary's and the USTR's responsibilities under section 135(c)(2) of the 1974 Trade Act, as delegated by E.O. 11846 of March 27, 1975. There is no other Committee that can perform the duties of this Committee.

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

The Industry Trade Advisory Committees were 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 ITACs 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. ITAC meetings routinely involve these kinds of discussions. The Department of Commerce and the Office of the USTR evaluates each meeting agenda and issues a Notice of Determination when it is necessary to close meetings.

21. Remarks

Subcommittees, or their equivalents, are authorized to be formed under the terms of the Committees' charters, which were issued pursuant to Subsection 135 (f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-618) as amended, and the FACA (Public Law 92-463). Because subcommittees, or their equivalents, do not report out independently but through the parent Committee, the costs are included under the parent Committee. ITAC members are appointed at the start of a new charter term and on a rolling basis throughout the four-year charter term. Resignations occur when a members change representation, leaves employment, due to ill-health, or no longer wants to serve as an advisor and departs prior to membership expiration date. All members who resign in the FY are kept on the ACR with effective resignation date.

Designated Federal Officer

Forrest Nielsen International Trade Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ameen, Patrick	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Amsted Rail Company, Inc. Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute	Representative Member
Egan, Thomas	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	CST Industries, Inc.	Representative Member
Gooch, Don	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	NTEA: The Association for the Work Truck Industry	Representative Member
Kastner, Michael	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	General Motors Company	Representative Member
Owens, Adam	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	Association for Advancing Automation (A3)	Representative Member
Shikany, Alexander	04/19/2022	02/24/2026	American Automotive Policy Council	Representative Member
Uthus, Charles	04/19/2022	02/24/2026		

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The Committee performs such functions and duties and prepares such reports as may be required by section 135 of the Trade Act with respect to the industry trade advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary and the USTR concerning the trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Trade Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Trade Act. The Committee functions solely as an advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of the FACA, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001, et.seq., with the exceptions set forth in the Trade Act. In particular, the Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and the USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiations of trade agreements, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting its sectors; 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

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

N/A

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

16

Number of Recommendations Comments

On average 2-3 recommendations are made annually. The total number of recommendations is cumulative over the committee's life to date.

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

No measurable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations.

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. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations.

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 USTR, or their designees, it is reviewed by the Secretary's policy staff and tasked to appropriate ITA unit to prepare draft response. 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 of 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 Secretary's signature, which ensures that ITAC 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" 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

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A