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Cc: FN-USTR-FOIA <FN-USTR-FOIA@ustr.eop.gov>
Subject: RE: New FOIA request received for Office of the United States Trade Representative

On December 26, 2019, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received your three Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for documents related to the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC). The timeframe of your requests is January 20, 2017 to December 30, 2019. We have aggregated the requests because they seek similar information (15 CFR 2004.6(c)(2)) and have assigned this request tracking number FY20-50. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Our office will provide you with a determination on or before January 24, 2020.

Thank you,
Monique

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Sent: Wed, Jan 22, 2020 2:58 pm
Subject: RE: RE: New FOIA request received for Office of the United States Trade Representative

This email is the final response of the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) No. FY20-50 submitted on December 26, 2019 requesting copies of the

1. complete listings of subgroups and subcommittees and committees of the Trade Policy Staff Committee;
2. meeting minutes, agendas and recommendations, papers, memos generated by the TPSC (Trade Policy Staff Committee) Task Force called "Localization Barriers to Trade", during the time period January 1, 2017 to the present; and
3. agendas and meeting minutes for the Trade Deficit Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, during the time period January 1, 2017 to the present.

Attached please find one responsive document totaling three pages which we are releasing in full.

With respect to items 2 and 3, the TPSC does not have a "Localization Barriers to Trade" task force or a "Trade Deficit Subcommittee," therefore, we have no records.

This constitutes a complete response to your request. You may contact me or my colleague Janice Kaye by email at FOIA@ustr.eop.gov or 202-395-3419 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may also administratively appeal by writing to: FOIA Office, GSD/RDF; ATTN: Janice Kaye, Anacostia Naval Annex, Bldg. 410/Door 123, 250 Murray Lane, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20509.

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" and should include a reference to the FOIA Case File number listed above. Heightened security in force may delay mail delivery; therefore we suggest that you also email any such appeal to FOIA@ustr.eop.gov.

In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you requested.

Thank you,
Monique

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	<u>TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE (TPSC) SUBCOMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES – 2019</u>	
I.	<u>Subcommittees</u>	
	<u>A. Geographic Subcommittees</u>	
1	Africa	
2	African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA) Implementation	
3	Argentina/Brazil/Paraguay/Uruguay/Venezuela	
4	APEC	
5	ASEAN	
6	Australia FTA	
7	Australia/New Zealand	
8	Bolivia and Ecuador	
9	Canada	
10	CAFTA-DR	
11	Caribbean including Guyana, Suriname and Cuba (excluding Dominican Republic)	
12	Caucasus	
13	Chile/Peru	
14	China	
15	Colombia	
16	Europe(Including Turkey)	
17	India	
18	Japan	
19	Korea	
20	Laos	
21	Mexico/NAFTA	
22	Middle East and North Africa	
23	Pakistan	
24	Panama	
25	Russia, Ukraine and Eurasian Economic Union	
26	Singapore FTA	
27	Southern Africa Customs Union	
28	Southeast Asia	
29	Taiwan	
30	United Kingdom	
31	Vietnam	
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34	Agriculture	
35	Antidumping	
36	Balance of Payments Restrictions	
37	Bilateral Investment Treaties	
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39	Customs(Including Harmonized System & Customs Valuation)	
40	Damage Assessments	

41	Doha Working Group on Trade, Debt & Finance	
42	Doha Rules	
43	Economics	
44	Environmental Goods and Services	
45	Energy Goods Issues	
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47	Fisheries	
48	FTA Environment Implementation, Monitoring and Compliance	
49	Generalized System of Preferences (including all Preference Programs Reform and Renewal)	
50	Goods MRAs	
51	Good Regulatory Practices (GRP)	
52	Government Procurement	
53	Import Licensing	
54	Information Technology Goods/Semiconductors	
55	Intellectual Property - Special 301	
56	Monitoring & Enforcement of Trade Agreements	
57	NAFTA Standards Related Measures	
58	OECD Trade	
59	Pre Shipment Inspection	
60	Rules of Origin	
61	Safeguards	
62	Section 301	
63	Section 337	
64	Services	
65	Small Business Trade Issues	
66	Softwood Lumber	
67	Steel/Metals	
68	Subsidies/Countervailing Duties	
69	Telecommunications (Services and Goods)	
70	Trade Capacity Building/ A4T	
71	Trade and Competition	
72	Trade Facilitation	
73	Trade and Labor M&E	
74	Trade and Labor Negotiations	
75	Trade and SOEs	
76	UNCTAD Trade Issues	
77	Wine	
78	Wood Products	
79	WTO Accessions	
80	WTO Agriculture	
81	WTO Dispute Settlement	
82	WTO Environment	
83	WTO Developing Country Issues	
84	WTO Institutional (Council, Waivers, Budget)	
85	WTO Market Access	
86	WTO Monitoring of Protectionist Trade Measures	
87	WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	
88	WTO State Trading	
89	WTO Systemic Issues	

90	WTO Technical Barriers to Trade	
91	WTO TRIMs	
92	WTO Regional Trade Agreements	
93	WTO Trade Policy Reviews	
II.	<u>Task forces</u>	
94	Compliance Task Force	
95	E-Commerce	
96	Covered Agreement Interagency Group (CAIG)	