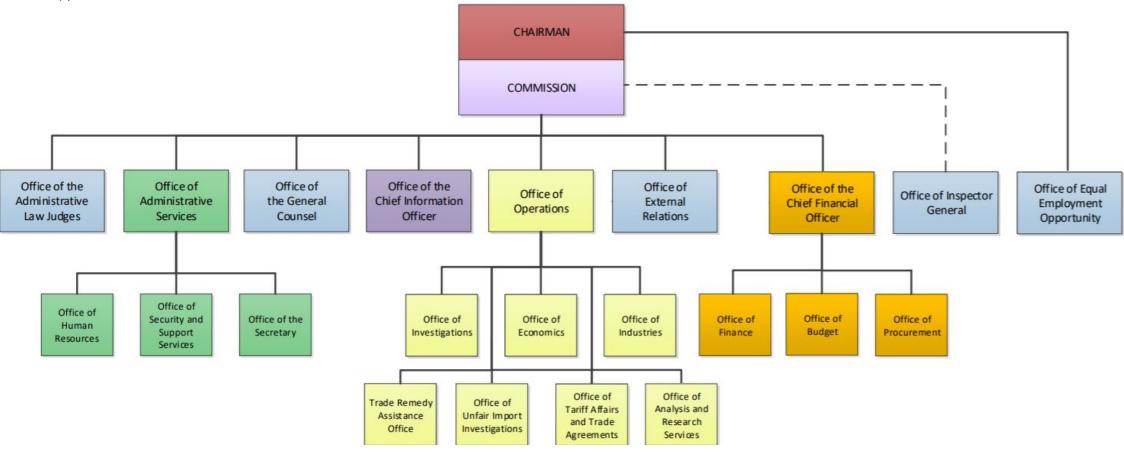


U.S. International Trade Commission – Investigations & Analysis

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# The U.S. International Trade Commission







# The ITC'S "Mission"



Adjudicate Trade Statutes Directed at Imports

Title VII Section 201 Section 337



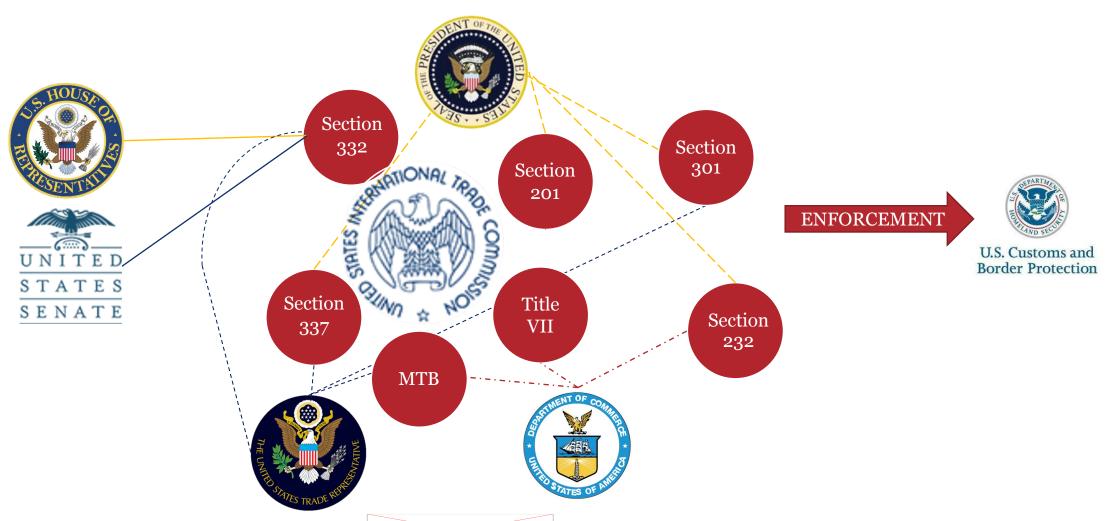
Provide independent analysis on tariffs, trade and competitiveness



Maintain the HTS/AMCA Petitions



## The ITC's Responsibilities and Relationships





# Fact Finding Investigations and Expert Advice (Section 332)





## ITC's Factfinding Role

The ITC, the President, the Senate
 Committee on Finance, the House
 Committee on Ways and Means, or the
 USTR, may initiate a factfinding
 investigation on any matter involving tariffs
 or international trade, including:

• The ITC makes objective findings and then issues a public\* report that makes no recommendations on policy.

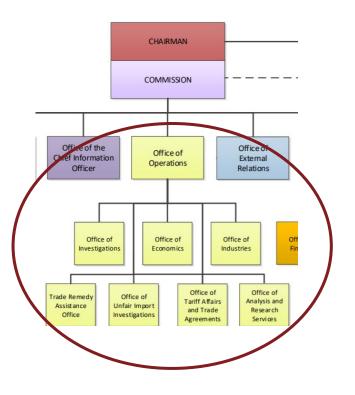
# ITC's Expert Advisory Role

- Performs independent research on tariff-related services and trade policy support.
- Identifies and researches priority areas in international trade, industry competitiveness, and the U.S. and global economies.
- Industry and economic analysis and research is generally public and freely available, except for requested confidential studies.

### ITC Investigative Staff



















INDUSTRY AND COMPETITIVENESS
ANALYSIS



#### Ongoing Fact-Finding Investigations



Textile & Apparel Imports from China (332-501)



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Intensities of the U.S. Steel and Aluminum Industries (331-598)



Distributional Effects of Trade and Trade Policy on U.S. Workers Series (332-599)



USMCA Automotive Rules of Origin: Economic Impact and Operation (332-600)



Rice: Global Competitiveness and Impacts on Trade and the U.S. Industry (332-603)

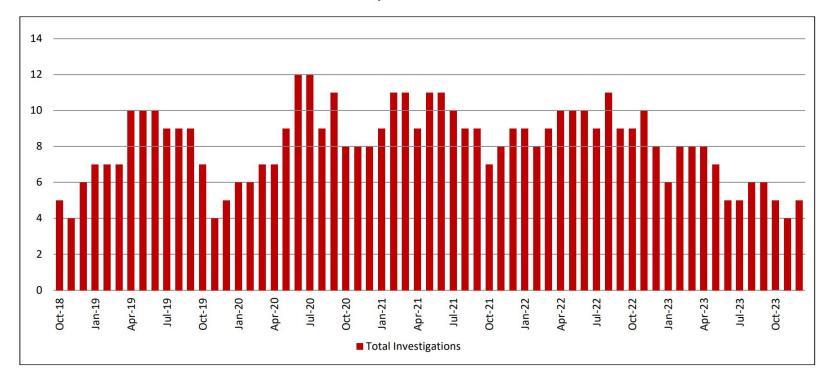
#### Industry and Economic Analysis Investigations Caseload

#### **Instituted and Completed Investigations**

	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Estimate
Instituted	16	15	9	11	8	10	9
Completed	13	14	9	9	12	9	9

Note: Instituted and completed totals include both recurring and non-recurring reports. Investigation totals reflect the historical record available in IDS, which became available in FY 2023, and may be more complete (higher) than reported in earlier years of this report.

#### **Monthly Active Caseload**



### Research to Support Innovative Trade Policy

#### **Key focus areas for future studies:**

- The performance of U.S. industries in critical supply chains and the effects of global disruptions
- How trade and investment barriers, rules of origin, and standards affect U.S. firms, workers, and consumers
- The possibilities—and pitfalls—of new technologies, industries, and business models
- The intersection of trade and the environment
- Assessments of industry competitiveness
- Economic analysis of U.S. trade agreements, both proposed and completed, as well as technical support to policymakers during trade negotiations





- Advancing our modeling capabilities to better capture the nuances of specific industries and developing new economic models to better represent U.S. labor markets
- Expanding analysis in areas such as the distributional effects of trade and trade policy on U.S. workers; trade and the environment; the effect of global economic disruptions; industry competitiveness; and global supply chains
- Deepening expertise on provisions in trade agreements and their effects on U.S. trade
- Deepening expertise on U.S. trade relationships, including with non-market economies like China USITC, Budget Justification, FY 2025

## Anticipated Workload in 2024 and 2025



# Executive Briefings on Trade (EBOTs), Working Papers, & Journal Articles



Yes, We Have No Bananas? (Again!)



Baltimore Bridge Collapse: U.S. Coal Export Disruptions



RFID: Growth of a Trade-Enhancing Technology



Skilling Up for a Sustainable Future: A Look at the Labor Shortage in Renewable



Growth and Trade Diversion Due to China's BRI



Export Restrictions on Metals and Minerals (Indonesia/Nickel & Zimbabwe/Chromium)



From Silicon to Donkey
Kong: Use of
Semiconductors in
Video Game Consoles



Electrifying the Global Battery Electric Vehicle Landscape







# Unfair Import Investigations (Section 337)



#### Title VII vs. Section 337

**Unfair Act** 

Domestic Industry

Injury

#### Section 337

- Unfair Act
  - Infringement of IP, Antitrust, False Advertising, etc.
- Complainant's Domestic Industry
  - Technical Prong
  - Economic Prong
  - Injury (non-patent)
    - Remedy: Exclusion Orders
      - Public Interest

#### **Title VII**

- Unfair Act
  - Dumping or Countervailable Subsidy
  - Domestic Industry
    - Industry-wide
  - Injury
- Remedy: Import Duties



## Section 337 Remedies

#### General Exclusion Order

- Excludes infringing products from all sources, whether source was a party to the litigation or not (in rem)
- Heighted statutory standard

#### Limited Exclusion Order

- Excludes infringing products of specific person(s) found to be violating the statute (in rem)
- Default remedy

#### Cease and Desist Order

- Directed to specific litigating party with commercially significant inventory of imported infringing goods (in personam)
- Remedy must not be contrary to the public interest



# Post-Investig ation

- Advisory Opinions
  - Not appealable
- Enforcement Proceedings
  - Cannot relitigate original investigation
- Proceedings Before Customs
  - Determine whether product covered by exclusion order
- Seizure, Forfeiture, Fines and Penalties





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