

**The Honorable Rob Portman  
United States Trade Representative  
Executive Office of the President  
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Washington, D.C. 20508**

**Dear Ambassador Portman:**

**Pursuant to Section 2104 (e) of the Trade Act of 2002 and Section 135 (e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, I am pleased to transmit the report of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6) on the U.S. – Oman Free Trade Agreement, reflecting consensus advisory opinion(s) on the proposed Agreement.**

**Sincerely,**

**(Original Signed)**

**John Easton  
Chairman  
Industry Trade Advisory Committee on  
Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6)**

**The U.S. – Oman Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**

**Report of the  
Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6)**

**November 2005**

November 15, 2005

**Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6)**

**Advisory Committee Report to the President, the Congress, and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on the U.S. – Oman Free Trade Agreement**

**I. Purpose of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6) Report**

Section 2104 (e) of the Trade Act of 2002 requires that advisory committees provide the President, the USTR, and Congress with reports required under Section 135 (e)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, not later than 30 days after the President notifies Congress of his intent to enter into an agreement.

Under Section 135 (e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the report of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations and each appropriate policy advisory committee must include an advisory opinion as to whether and to what extent the agreement promotes the economic interests of the United States and achieves the applicable overall and principal negotiating objectives set forth in the Trade Act of 2002.

The report of the appropriate sectoral or functional committee must also include an advisory opinion as to whether the agreement provides for equity and reciprocity within the sectoral or functional area.

Pursuant to these requirements, ITAC 6 hereby submits the following report.

**II. Executive Summary of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6) Report**

ITAC 6 has reviewed the U.S. -Oman Free Trade Agreement and our members agree that it will lead to improvements in the trade relationship between Oman and the United States.

On investment provisions and, more specifically, investor-state dispute resolution and the ability to use international arbitration, we are pleased that the U.S. – Oman Free Trade Agreement text explicitly recognizes that the provisions of the existing agreements will remain in effect.

**III. Brief Description of the Mandate of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6)**

ITAC 6 provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR regarding trade barriers and the implementation of trade agreements negotiated under Sections 101 and 102 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and Sections 1102 and 1103 of the 1988 Trade Act. ITAC 6 also performs such other advisory functions relevant to U.S. trade policy as may be requested by the Secretary and the USTR or their designees.

IV. Negotiating Objectives and Priorities of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6)

- Investment provisions

V. Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Energy and Energy Services (ITAC 6) Opinion on Agreement

Against a background of serious concern by ITAC 6 regarding erosion of investor protections in other free trade agreements, the U.S. - Oman FTA and overall investment agreement approach appear to be a significant improvement.

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