

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**EVALUATION OF THE
U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION'S
FISCAL YEAR 2006 INFORMATION SECURITY
PROGRAM AND PRACTICES**

**AUDIT REPORT
OIG-AR-03-06**



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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COMMISSION

We hereby submit Audit Report OIG-AR-03-06, *Evaluation of the U.S. International Trade Commission's Fiscal Year 2006 Information Security Program and Practices*. We conducted an independent evaluation of the Commission's information security program and practices to determine if the Commission: (1) implemented appropriate actions to address recommendations made in OIG-AR-04-05 (September 27, 2005); and (2) met Federal Information Security Management Act criteria.

We found the Commission made progress in strengthening its information technology (IT) security program during the 2006 fiscal year (FY). The Commission fully implemented 10 of the 23 recommendations from OIG-AR-04-05, and 9 remained open. We did not perform audit work on the remaining four recommendations because the Commission was in the process of installing a new firewall and intrusion detection system. We plan to perform audit follow-up work on these recommendations in October 2006. Therefore, we are not able to close these issues at this time.

In addition to the nine open recommendations from OIG-AR-04-05, this report identifies three additional weaknesses. These weaknesses relate to use of wireless technologies, certification and accreditation of major systems, and the system change control process.

We made three recommendations to improve the Commission's IT security. The Commission agreed with our recommendations and presented actions to address them.

Due to the sensitive nature of the information contained in our report, we have limited distribution of the report.

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