

February 26, 2003

The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

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 Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee on the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

Sincerely,

Charles J. O'Mara
Chairman
Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee

THE U.S.-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

**Report of the
Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee**

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Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee (APAC)

Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee Report to the President, the Congress, and the United States Trade Representative on the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

I. Purpose of the Committee Report

Section 2104 (e) of the Trade Act of 2002 requires that advisory committees provide the President, the U.S. Trade Representative, 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, the APAC hereby submits the following report.

II. Executive Summary of Committee Report

The U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement will benefit U.S. farmers and ranchers by permanently opening the Singapore market for U.S. agricultural products. Singapore must provide duty free access for U.S. agricultural products even though duties are not bound at zero under the World Trade Organization. Rules of origin will protect U.S. producers from imports of ineligible products from third countries through Singapore. The Agreement achieves overall and principal U.S. negotiating objectives of eliminating tariffs and securing market opportunities for U.S. agricultural products.

III. Brief Description of the Mandate of the APAC

The advisory committee is authorized by Sections 135(c)(1) and (2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-618), as amended, and is intended to assure that representative elements of the private sector have an opportunity to make known their views to the U.S. Government on trade and trade policy matters. They provide a formal mechanism through which the U.S. Government may seek advice and information. The continuance

of the committee is in the public interest in connection with the work of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. There are no other agencies or existing advisory committees, which could supply this private sector input.

IV. Negotiating Objectives and Priorities of the APAC

The highest priority of the APAC is to improve the market opportunities for U.S. agricultural products by obtaining fairer and more open conditions of trade. The ultimate objective is the elimination of agricultural trade barriers through negotiations at the multilateral, regional, and bilateral levels.

V. Advisory Committee Opinion on Agreement

It is the opinion of the APAC that the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement is positive for U.S. farmers and ranchers.

VI. Membership of Committee

Name	Organization	City/State
Mr. C. Joe O'Mara (Chairman)	O'Mara and Associates	Washington, D.C.
Mr. Charles Ahlem	Charles Ahlem Ranch/California Farm Bureau Federation	Hilmar, CA
Mr. Gaylon Booker	National Cotton Council	Memphis, TN
Mr. J. Patrick Boyle	American Meat Institute	Arlington, VA
Mr. Fred Broughton	South Carolina State University	Orangeburg, SC
Dr. Joyce Cacho	Rabobank International	New York, NY
Mr. Stephen Censky	American Soybean Association	St. Louis, MO
Ms. Katherine DiMatteo	Organic Trade Association	Greenfield, MA
Mr. Paul Drazek	DTB Associates LLP	Washington, D.C.
Dr. Michael Dykes	Monsanto	Washington, D.C.
Dr. Dick Gady	ConAgra Foods, Inc.	Omaha, NE
Mr. Nicholas Giordano	National Pork Producers Council	Washington, D.C.
Dr. David Graves	National Council of Farmer Cooperatives	Washington, D.C.
Mr. Robert Guenther	United Fresh Fruit & Vegetables	Alexandria, VA
Mr. Timothy Hume	National Corn Growers Association	Walsh, CO
Mr. Kenneth Johannes	Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.	Topeka, KS
Mr. Robert Koch	Wine Institute	Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Carl B. Loop, Jr.	Florida Farm Bureau Federation	Gainesville, FL
Mr. Luther Markwart	American Sugarbeet Growers Association	Washington, D.C.
Mr. Gary Martin	North American Export Grain Association, Inc.	Washington, D.C.
Mr. C. Manly Molpus	Grocery Manufacturers of America	Washington, D.C.
Ms. Janet Nuzum	Rivercrest International	Arlington, VA
Mr. Daniel Pearson	Cargill, Inc.	Minneapolis, MN
Ms. Karen Ross	California Association of Wine Growers	Sacramento, CA
Mr. Bob Stallman	American Farm Bureau Federation	Park Ridge, IL
Mr. Michael Stuart	Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association	Orlando, FL
Dr. Daniel Sumner	University of California	Davis, CA
Mr. James Sumner	USA Poultry & Egg Export Council	Stone Mountain, GA
Mr. Leland Swenson	National Farmers Union	Aurora, CO
Mr. Alan Tracy	U.S. Wheat Associates	Washington, D.C.
Ms. Carol Tucker Foreman	Consumer Federation of America	Washington, D.C.
Ms. Elizabeth Ward	American Forest and Paper Association	Washington, D.C.
Mr. Rodger Wasson	California Strawberry Commission	Watsonville, CA