

regulatory factors that affect supply chain competitiveness and sustainability; and

(3) information and data systems to generate metrics that can be used to quantify and improve supply chain performance.

Members shall be selected in a manner that ensures that the Committee remains balanced in terms of product and service lines and reflects the diversity of the supply chain sector, including in terms of geographic location and company size.

Members of the Committee shall represent companies, organizations, and stakeholders involved in the U.S. supply chain, with at least one individual representing each of the following: Supply chain firms or their associations; users of supply chains (e.g., retailers, distributors, manufacturers or other sectors); freight transportation providers; ports; and academia. Based on the balance of viewpoints currently represented on the Committee, representatives from the rail, trucking, airport, energy, logistics and freight forwarding, infrastructure financing, and big data analysis sectors are encouraged to apply.

Other than the experts from academia, all members shall serve in a representative capacity, expressing the views and interests of a U.S. company or U.S. organization, as well as its particular sector. Members serving in such a representative capacity are not Special Government Employees. The members from academia serve as experts and therefore are Special Government Employees (SGEs) and shall be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs. Members who serve as SGEs must certify that they are not Federally-registered lobbyists.

Each member of the Committee must be a U.S. citizen and not registered as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. All appointments are made without regard to political affiliation. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Members of the Committee will not be compensated for their services or reimbursed for their travel expenses. The Committee shall meet approximately quarterly, or as determined by the DFO.

Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

All nominations for membership on the Committee should provide the following information:

(1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, fax, and email address) of the individual requesting consideration; and

(2) An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

In addition to the above requirements for all nominations, nominations for representatives of companies, organizations, and stakeholders involved in the U.S. supply chain, including supply chain firms or their associations; users of supply chains (e.g., retailers, distributors, manufacturers, or other sectors); freight transportation providers; and ports, should also provide the following information:

(1) A sponsor letter on the letterhead of the sponsoring U.S. company or U.S. organization to be represented, containing a brief description why the nominee should be considered for membership;

(2) Short biography of nominee including credentials;

(3) Brief description of the U.S. company or U.S. organization to be represented and its activities and size (number of employees or members and annual sales, if applicable); and

(4) An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all Committee eligibility requirements for representative members, including that the applicant represents a U.S. company or U.S. organization.

a. For purposes of Committee eligibility, a U.S. company is at least 51 percent owned by U.S. persons.

b. For purposes of Committee eligibility, a U.S. organization is controlled by U.S. persons, as determined based on its board of directors (or comparable governing body), membership, and funding sources, as applicable.

In addition to the above requirements for all nominations, nominations for experts from academia should also provide the following information:

(1) A description of the nominee's area(s) of expertise;

(2) A concise Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume that covers education, experience, and relevant publications and summarizes how this expertise addresses supply chain competitiveness;

(3) An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all Committee eligibility requirements.

Please do not send company or organization brochures.

Nominations may be emailed to [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov), faxed to the attention of Richard Boll at 202-482-2669, or mailed to Richard Boll, Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services, Room 11014, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401

Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, and must be received on or before January 12, 2018. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified.

Dated: December 7, 2017.

**Maureen Smith,**

*Director, Office of Supply Chain and Professional & Business Services.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Technology Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) announces that on January 23, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) will hold a public meeting in the Conference Center at the CFTC's Washington, DC, headquarters. At this meeting, the TAC will: (1) Discuss the scope, plan, and approach for the Committee's efforts in 2018; (2) explore timely topics and issues involving financial technology in CFTC regulated markets, potentially including blockchain/DLT, data standardization and analytics, algorithmic trading, virtual currencies, cybersecurity, and RegTech; and (3) identify work streams and/or subcommittee groups that can help generate actionable recommendations to the Commission on select issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 23, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members of the public who wish to submit written statements in connection with the meeting should submit them by January 30, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in the Conference Center at the CFTC's headquarters, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Written statements should be submitted by mail to: Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, attention: Office of the Secretary; or by electronic mail to: [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Please use the title "Technology Advisory Committee" in any written statement you submit. Any statements submitted in connection with the committee meeting will be made available to the public, including publication on the CFTC website, <http://www.cftc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel Gorfine, TAC Designated Federal Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581; (202) 418-5625.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public may also listen to the meeting by telephone by calling a domestic toll-free telephone or international toll or toll-free number to connect to a live, listen-only audio feed. Call-in participants should be prepared to provide their first name, last name, and affiliation.

*Domestic Toll Free:* 1-866-844-9416.

*International Toll and Toll Free:* Will be posted on the CFTC's website, <http://www.cftc.gov>, on the page for the meeting, under Related Links.

*Pass Code/Pin Code:* 3599656.

The meeting agenda may change to accommodate other TAC priorities. For agenda updates, please visit the TAC committee site at: [http://www.cftc.gov/About/CFTCCcommittees/TechnologyAdvisory/tac\\_meetings](http://www.cftc.gov/About/CFTCCcommittees/TechnologyAdvisory/tac_meetings).

After the meeting, a transcript of the meeting will be published through a link on the CFTC's website, <http://www.cftc.gov>. All written submissions provided to the CFTC in any form will also be published on the CFTC's website. Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the meeting because of a disability should notify the contact person above.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(a)(2).

Dated: December 8, 2017.

**Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Charter Amendment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Amendment of Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that it is amending the charter for the Defense Policy Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This committee's charter is being amended in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The amended charter and contact information for the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) can be obtained at <http://www.faca.database.gov/>.

The DoD is amending the charter for the Defense Policy Board previously announced in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 2017 (82 FR 41941). Specifically, the DoD is amending the charter to update the estimated annual operating costs and estimated personnel costs and the total membership of the Defense Policy Board.

Dated: December 8, 2017.

**Aaron Siegel,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 17-51]

**Arms Sales Notification**

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Arms sales notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pamela Young, (703) 697-9107, [pamela.a.young14.civ@mail.mil](mailto:pamela.a.young14.civ@mail.mil) or Kathy Valadez, (703) 697-9217, [kathy.a.valadez.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kathy.a.valadez.civ@mail.mil); DSCA/DSA-RAN.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 17-51 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 8, 2017.

**Aaron Siegel,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*