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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agriculture Service

Agricultural Policy and Technical Advisory Committees for Trade; Nominations

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service.

ACTION: Notice: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture and the United States Trade Representative are seeking nominations for appointment to the following advisory committees for trade:

Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animals and Animal Products

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Fruits and Vegetables

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feed, and Oilseeds

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Sweeteners and Sweetener Products

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Tobacco, Cotton, and Peanuts

The Advisory Committees for Trade were established to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests by providing the Secretary and the Trade Representative with advice concerning negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before entering into a trade agreement; the operation of an agreement once entered into; and other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before March 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Please send all nominating materials to Mr. John B. Winski,

Executive Secretary, Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, room 5065—STOP 1001, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form which must be completed by each nominee, or for additional information, please contact Mr. John B. Winski or Ms. Denise Burgess, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, room 5065—STOP 1001, 14th & Independence Avenues, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1000, (202) 720-6829 (telephone), (202) 720-8097 (FAX), or info@fas.usda.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. appendix), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture and the United States Trade Representative are seeking nominations for the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade (APAC) and the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade (ATACs) listed below:

Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animals and Animal Products

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Fruits and Vegetables

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feed, and Oilseeds

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Sweeteners and Sweetener Products

Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Tobacco, Cotton, and Peanuts

Background

In 1974, Congress established a private sector advisory committee system to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests. Congress expanded and enhanced the role of this system in three subsequent trade acts.

The private sector advisory system now consists of almost 40 committees, arranged in three tiers; The President's Advisory Committee on Trade and Policy Negotiations (ACTPN); seven

policy advisory committees, including the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade (APAC); and more than 30 technical advisory committees including the five Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade (ATACs).

The duties of the APAC are to provide the Secretary and the Trade Representative with advice concerning: negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before entering into a trade agreement; the operation of an agreement once entered into; and other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States. The duties of the ATACs are to provide advice and information regarding trade issues which affect both domestic and foreign production and trade concerning their respective commodities, drawing upon the technical competence and experience of its members. Each committee is required to meet at the conclusion of negotiations for each trade agreement entered into under the Act to provide a report on such agreement to the President, to Congress, and to the U.S. Trade Representative.

Membership

Members are appointed jointly by the Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative. Appointments are made upon the rechartering of each committee and periodically throughout the duration of the Committee charter. The APAC and the ATACs are expected to be rechartered in April 1997, for a period of two years. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary and the U.S. Trade Representative.

Appointments to a Committee expire at the end of the Committee's charter, but members may be reappointed for one or more additional terms should the charter of the Committee be renewed.

Approximately 50 private sector representatives are appointed to the APAC and approximately 25 private sector representatives are appointed to each ATAC.

A chairperson is selected for each committee from the membership of the committee. The Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Assistant United States Trade Representative, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, are the joint Executive Secretaries of the APAC. A full-time

Federal Officer or employee of the Foreign Agricultural Service shall serve as the Executive Secretary of each ATAC.

Nominations

The Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative invite those individuals, organizations, and interest groups affiliated with foreign trade and agriculture, to nominate individuals for membership to any of the committees. The Secretary and the U.S. Trade Representative seek a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in the United States agricultural trade policy, from every region of the country. To ensure that there is balanced representation on each committee, the Secretary and the U.S. Trade Representative may seek additional nominations from the private sector as necessary.

The term "balanced representation" includes balance among the various agricultural interests such as farmers, farm and commodity organizations, processors, traders, and consumers, as well as geographical balance. No company, producer or farm organization, trade association, or other entity has a right to representation on a Committee. Members are selected primarily for their expertise and knowledge of agriculture or specific agricultural products and of trade matters and are expected to provide advice to the Government as general representatives of those interests. In making selections, every effort shall be made to maintain balanced representation on each committee.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the committees. To ensure that the recommendations of the committees

have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the USDA and the USTR, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership to the committee. Nominations must include a completed AD-755 Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form and supplemental form which are reproduced below.

Appointments are made subject to a *confidential* security clearance. All nominees must be U.S. citizens.

Wardell C. Townsend, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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United States Department of Agriculture
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Privacy Act Notice

Public Laws 95-113 and 93-579 permit collection of the data requested on this form. The information is used to determine qualifications, suitability and availability for service on advisory committees. The information will be used to conduct background clearances and/or for annual reports on advisory committees. Failure to submit this information may result in nonselection of a prospective advisory committee member or termination of the committee.

1. Name (Last, First, Middle)	2. Social Security Number
3. Residence Address (include ZIP Code)	4. Telephone: Home: Office: FAX:
5. Place of Birth	6. Date of Birth
7. Name of Employer	
8. Employer Address (include ZIP Code)	9. Your Occupation/Title
10. List your business experience.	
11. List education and any specialized experience.	

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FORM AD-755 (8/31/95)

12. If applicable, how long have you been engaged in farming or production, and what is the size of your farming operation (i.e., list acreage and pounds produced by kind of crop, as well as kinds and numbers of livestock)?

13. List producer or farm organizations (include whether a member or officer and how long affiliated).

14. List other affiliations and/or service as a community leader that would benefit you in your role as a member of the advisory committee.

15. List any Federal advisory committee or board on which you are currently a member and the number of years you have served on that committee or board.

16. List sources of income—in excess of \$10,000—for the past calendar year from other than your primary employment. List only sources; do not show amounts of income from each source.

17. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (A felony is defined as any violation of law punishable by imprisonment of longer than one year.) If so, please explain.

18. As a result of your participation in Federal programs, have any judgments been rendered against you? As a result of participation in any governmental programs relative to the purposes of the advisory committee for which you are a nominee, have any civil or criminal actions been initiated against you? If so, please explain.

Signature

Date

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching for existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Department of Agriculture, Clearance Officer, OIRM, Room 404-W, Washington, D.C. 20250; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (OMB No. 0505-0001), Washington, D.C. 20503.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP BACKGROUND
INFORMATION**

1. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)**2. Social Security Number**

3. Advisory Committee members must obtain a confidential security clearance.

- a. Are you engaged in employment or have a financial interest which is likely to affect the integrity of your service on the committee?
- b. Are you employed by a foreign corporation or a subsidiary of a foreign corporation?

4. Members serve at their own expense; travel is not reimbursed. Are you willing to travel to Washington, D.C.

(Y/N): 4 - 5 times a year _____

3 - 4 times a year _____

2 - 3 times a year _____

5. Are you willing to travel abroad to attend trade negotiations?

6. Please provide a short narrative regarding your professional experience with trade related matters:

Please return the completed questionnaire along with a copy of your resume to:

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Committee for Trade
Foreign Agricultural Service - Rm. 5065-S
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250-1000