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§ 2001.0 Scope and purpose.

(a) This chapter sets out terms of reference of the Office of the United States Trade Representative (hereinafter the “Office”), and the procedures whereby it carries out its general responsibilities under the trade agreements program.

(b) One of the primary purposes of these regulations is to inform the public of the unit known as the Trade Policy Staff Committee, which replaces and assumes the functions formerly performed by The Trade Staff Committee and the Trade Information Committee. One of the functions of the Trade Policy Staff Committee is to afford an opportunity for interested parties to present oral and written statements concerning the trade agreements program and related matters.

§ 2001.1 Creation and location.

(a) The Office was established as an agency in the Executive Office of the President by Executive Order 11075 of January 15, 1963 (28 FR 473), as amended by Executive Order 11106 of April 18, 1963 (28 FR 3911), and Executive Order 11113 of June 13, 1963 (28 FR 6183). The Office subsequently was reestablished as an agency in the Executive Office of the President by section 141 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-618, 88 Stat. 1978, hereinafter referred to as the “Trade Act”), and was delegated certain functions under the Trade Act by Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975.¹

(b) The Office is located at 1800 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20506.

§ 2001.2 Organization.

(a) The Office is headed by the United States Trade Representative (hereinafter, the “Trade Representative”) as provided in section 141(b)(1) of the Trade Act. The Trade Representative reports directly to the President and the Congress as described in § 2001.3(a)(2) of this part, and has the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

(b) The Office also consists of two Deputy Trade Representatives (hereinafter “Deputy Trade Representatives”) as provided in section 141(b)(2) of the Trade Act, each of whom holds the rank of Ambassador, and of a professional and nonprofessional staff.

(c) The Trade Policy Committee, an interagency committee composed of the heads of specified Executive departments and offices, was established by section 3 of Executive Order 11846 (see Appendix), as authorized by section 242(a) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended,² under the chairmanship of the United States Trade Representative, as provided by section 141(c)(1)(E) of the Trade Act. Two subordinate bodies of the Trade Policy Committee, the Trade Policy Committee Review Group, and the Trade Policy Staff Committee, provided for in §§ 2002.1 and 2002.2 respectively, are established by, and under the direction and administrative control of the Trade Representative.

§ 2001.3 Functions.

(a) The Trade Representative:

(1) Except where otherwise provided by statute, Executive order, or instructions of the President, is the chief representative of the United States for each negotiation under the trade agreements program as defined in section 1 of Executive Order 11846, and participates in other negotiations which may have a direct and significant impact on trade;

(2) Reports directly to the President and the Congress, and is responsible to the President and the Congress, with respect to the administration of the trade agreements program as defined in section 1 of Executive Order 11846;

²76 Stat. 902, 19 U.S.C. 1872; Pub. L. 93-618, 88 Stat. 1978, section 602(b).

¹40 FR 14291, March 31, 1975.