

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.

Investigation No. 332-345

*Recent Trends in U.S. Services Trade, 2012 Annual Report*

Schedule for 2012 report and opportunity to submit information; availability of 2011 report.

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Commission has prepared and published annual reports in this series under investigation No. 332-345 since 1996. The 2011 report is now available from the Commission online and in printed form. The 2012 report, which the Commission plans to publish in July 2012, will cover cross-border trade for the period ending in 2010 and transactions by affiliates based outside the country of their parent firm for the period ending in 2009. The Commission is inviting interested members of the public to furnish information in connection with the 2012 report.

DATES:

October 6, 2011: Deadline for filing written submissions of information to the Commission.

July 12, 2012: Anticipated date for publishing the report.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket information system (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov/edis3-internal/app>

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BACKGROUND: Under this investigation, the Commission publishes two annual reports, one on services trade (*Recent Trends in U.S. Services Trade*), and a second on merchandise trade (*Shifts in U.S. Merchandise Trade*). The latest version of the Commission's *Recent Trends in U.S. Services Trade* is now available online at <http://www.usitc.gov>; it is also available in printed form from the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000 or by fax at 202-205-2104.

The initial notice of institution of this investigation was published in the *Federal Register* on September 8, 1993 (58 F.R. 47287) and provided for what is now the report on merchandise trade. The Commission expanded the scope of the investigation to cover services trade in a separate report, which it announced in a notice published in the *Federal Register* on December 28, 1994 (59 F.R. 66974). The separate report on

services trade has been published annually since 1996, except in 2005. As in past years, the report will summarize trade in services in the aggregate and provide analyses of trends and developments in selected services industries during the latest period for which data are published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (for the 2012 report, data for the periods described above). The 2012 report will focus on selected infrastructure services, alternating with the focus of the 2011 report on professional services.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:** Interested parties are invited to submit written statements and other information concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Submissions should be addressed to the Secretary. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written submissions related to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received not later than 5:15 pm, October 6, 2011. All written submissions must conform to the provisions of section 201.8 of the *Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 C.F.R. 201.8). Section 201.8 requires that a signed original (or a copy so designated) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of a document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means only to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, [http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed\\_reg\\_notices/rules/documents/handbook\\_on\\_electronic\\_filing.pdf](http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/documents/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf)). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information (CBI) must also conform to the requirements of section 201.6 of the *Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 C.F.R. 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the "confidential" or "non-confidential" version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties.

The Commission intends to prepare only a public report in this investigation. The report that the Commission makes available to the public will not contain confidential business information. Any confidential business information received by the Commission in this investigation and used in preparing the report will not be published in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

By order of the Commission.

/s/  
James R. Holbein  
Secretary to the Commission

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