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May 13, 2015

Chairman Broadbent:

Pursuant to section 3 of the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA), I have reviewed the U.S. International Trade Commission’s IPERA documentation and determined that the Commission is in compliance with the law.

Even though the Commission is not subject to IPERA, it voluntarily seeks to comply with most of its requirements.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Philip M. Heneghan
Inspector General
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