U.S. International Trade Commission

Report on Compliance with Laws and Regulations Fiscal Year 2019

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The U.S. International Trade Commission is an independent, nonpartisan, quasi-judicial federal agency that provides trade expertise to both the legislative and executive branches of government, determines the impact of imports on U.S. industries, and directs actions against certain unfair trade practices, such as patent, trademark, and copyright infringement. USITC analysts and economists investigate and publish reports on U.S. industries and the global trends that affect them. The agency also maintains and publishes the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

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Chairman Johanson:

This memorandum transmits the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Laws and Regulations (OIG-AR-20-05) associated with the audit of the Commission's financial statements for fiscal year 2019.

We contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm, Castro & Company LLC, to conduct this audit. The contract required that the audit be conducted in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards and these auditing standards require a report on compliance with laws and regulations to be produced as part of the audit.

The auditors did not identify any instances of noncompliance that would have a direct or material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.

Throughout the audit and at its conclusion, my office followed procedures and conducted a final review designed to assure that the work performed by non-Federal auditors complied with the auditing standards. Our final review disclosed no instances where Castro & Company did not comply, in all material respects, with the U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards; however, this final review cannot be construed as an audit, and is not intended to enable us to express, and we do not express, any opinion on the Commission's compliance with laws and regulations. Castro & Company is solely responsible for this report dated November 15, 2019 and the conclusions expressed in the report.

Thank you for the cooperation and courtesies extended to both Castro & Company and my staff during this audit.

Sincerely,

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Inspector General

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Inspector General
U.S. International Trade Commission

We have audited the financial statements of the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC), which comprise the balance sheets as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of net cost, changes in net position, and budgetary resources for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2019. We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 19-03, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*.

The management of USITC is responsible for complying with laws and regulations applicable to the USITC. We performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts, and certain other laws and regulations specified in OMB Bulletin No. 19-03, including the requirements referred to in the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982 (FMFIA). We limited our tests of compliance to these provisions, and we did not test compliance with all laws and regulations applicable to the USITC.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the USITC's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests of compliance disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported herein under *Government Auditing Standards* or OMB Bulletin No. 19-03.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the USITC's compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the USITC's compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the USITC Office of Inspector General, OMB, the Government Accountability Office, and Congress, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Castro & Company, LLC

Alexandria, VA
November 15, 2019

"Thacher's Calculating Instrument" developed by Edwin Thacher in the late 1870s. It is a cylindrical, rotating slide rule able to quickly perform complex mathematical calculations involving roots and powers quickly. The instrument was used by architects, engineers, and actuaries as a measuring device.

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