U.S. International Trade Commission

Management Report: IPERA Determination for Fiscal Year 2019

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Chairman Johanson:

This transmits the Inspector General's report on the Commission's compliance with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010, as amended (IPERA). Our review was conducted in accordance with implementing guidance set forth by the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-18-20, *Transmittal of Appendix C to OMB Circular A-123, Requirements for Payment Integrity Improvement.*

We determined that the Commission has complied with the applicable IPERA requirements for fiscal year 2019, as shown in the table below.

Table 1: IPERA Compliance Reporting Table

Program Name	Published an AFR or PAR	Conducted a Risk Assessment	Published an Improper Payment Estimate	Published Corrective Action Plans	Published and is Meeting Reduction Targets	Reported an Improper Payment Rate of Less than 10 Percent
USITC	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

We made this determination based on our review of the relevant sections of the Commission's *Agency Financial Report, Analysis of Significant Improper Payments*, and the results of internal control testing performed by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

As required, we will be providing a copy of this report to members of the Senate Homeland

Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Government Accountability Office.

We are not issuing any recommendations in this report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rhonda L. Turnbow
Acting Inspector General

"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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