

Coming Soon -- *A Centennial History of the United States International Trade Commission*

On September 8, 2016, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding.

As part of its celebration, the USITC has been producing a book that explores the history of the agency and places its work in the context of a complex and dynamic global trading system. *A Centennial History of the United States International Trade Commission* will be published this winter.

The USITC is proud of its contributions to U.S. taxpayers, the U.S. government, and the international trade community. It views the creation of a scholarly resource as useful to anyone seeking to understand the history of the agency and the statutes under which it operates.

An earlier historical volume commissioned by the USITC in the mid-1970s served as a contribution to the country's Bicentennial Celebration. That book, *Two Centuries of Tariffs, The Background and Emergence of the United States International Trade Commission*, by Professor John M. Dobson, comprised a history of U.S. tariffs and a summary of the agency's history from 1916 to 1976. [link to publication, if it is posted]

Much has happened since the mid-1970s. This new work will provide an expanded and up-to-date history of the USITC covering the full century since 1916. The book will discuss in detail the deliberations leading to the creation of the agency's predecessor, the U.S. Tariff Commission, in that year. It will also chronicle how the agency has carried out its varied statutory responsibilities since then, including tariff activities, import injury proceedings, intellectual property-related proceedings, and industry and economic analysis. The *Centennial History's* principal theme highlights the role of the USITC as an objective, nonpartisan, and expert agency in its support for the international trade policy of the United States. The project draws upon the expertise of academics, former Commissioners and staff, and experienced practitioners, who have all collaborated on writing and reviewing the book's chapters.

On the 100th anniversary of its creation, September 8, 2016, the USITC held a day-long conference.. The conference featured contributors to the book and keynote speakers from all three branches of government. The book contributors discussed their chapters before an audience largely composed of current and former USITC staff and practitioners. Videos and transcripts of the individual panels from the conference are being produced and will be posted on the USITC website when available.

The book will be made available for free on the USITC web site.