

U.S. International Trade Commission

Report on Compliance with Laws and Regulations Fiscal Year 2021



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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.



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

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Commissioners:

This memorandum transmits the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Laws and Regulations (OIG-AR-22-05) associated with the audit of the Commission's financial statements for Fiscal Year 2021.

We contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm, Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, P.A., 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 Harper, Rains, Knight & 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. Harper, Rains, Knight & Company is solely responsible for this report dated November 10, 2021 and the conclusions expressed in the report.

Thank you for the cooperation and courtesies extended to both Harper, Rains, Knight & Company and my staff during this audit.

Sincerely,

Rashmi Bartlett
Inspector General



Harper, Rains, Knight & Company

Independent Auditors' 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 accompanying financial statements of the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC), which comprise the balance sheet as of September 30, 2021, and the related statements of net cost, changes in net position, and budgetary resources, for the fiscal year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 10, 2021. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 21-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*.

The management of USITC is responsible for complying with laws and regulations applicable to 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 the OMB Bulletin 21-04, including the requirements referred to in the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982. We limited our tests of compliance to these provisions, and we did not test compliance with all laws and regulations applicable to USITC.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether USITC's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which would have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. We performed our tests of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards and OMB Bulletin 21-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. We caution that noncompliance may occur and not be detected by these tests.

Management is responsible for complying with laws, regulations, and contracts applicable to USITC.

Our responsibility is to test compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, and contracts applicable to USITC that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in USITC's financial statements and perform certain other limited procedures. Accordingly, we did not test compliance with all laws, regulations, and contracts applicable to USITC.

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Compliance and Other Matters (continued)

Our tests for compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, and contracts disclosed no instances of noncompliance for fiscal year 2021 that would be reportable under U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards or OMB Bulletin 21-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts applicable to USITC. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

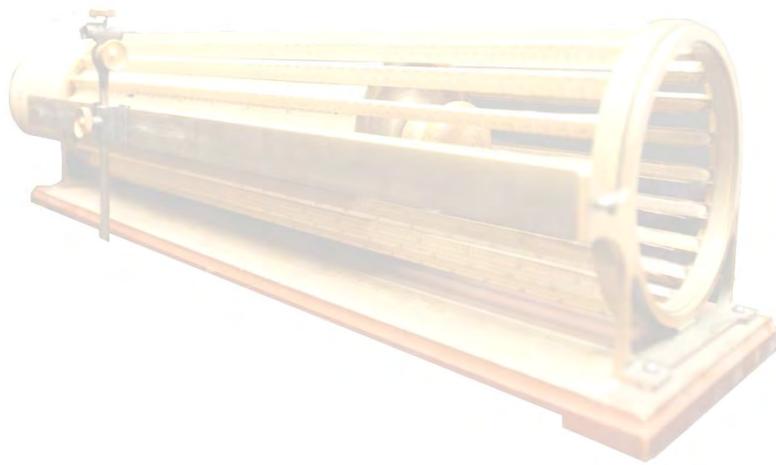
Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the result 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 USITC's compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the 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.

Harper, Raino, Knight & Company, P.A.

November 10, 2021
Washington, DC



“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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