



American Iron and Steel Institute **Outline of priorities for USTR in Obama Administration**

(items in italics can be addressed in the immediate period)

STRONG TRADE LAWS, STRICTLY ENFORCED

Five key words capture the objective; covering a multitude of means by which to do so.

Keep laws against unfair trade and injurious surges strong.

- Do not agree to AD/CVD weakening for other U.S. objectives in the Doha Round.
- Do not include trade law weakening in any trade agreement (including any pending FTAs or revision of existing FTAs).
- Do not support precipitous implementation of adverse WTO decisions without proper consultation with Congress (e.g., the rush to implement early zeroing decisions).
- *Support legislation that (among other things):*
 - *restores trade law strength eroded by overreaching WTO decisions (e.g., zeroing); and*
 - *updates application of trade remedies based on new economic realities (e.g., CVD for NME; remedies for currency manipulation).*

Keep trade laws and agreements strictly enforced

(note important difference between “trade laws” and “trade agreements”)

- *Support nomination to key posts of qualified professionals who believe in the laws they are commissioned to enforce.*
- *Reorganize the Office of USTR to reflect and deploy a new commitment to exercising U.S. rights under existing law and agreements.*
 - *Assign to highest possible level (dedicated Deputy).*
 - Use all legal tools available:
 - Bring more cases (e.g., raw materials hoarding).
 - Defend against attacks on U.S. law more vigorously.
 - Collaborate more closely with domestic counsel, including participation in proceedings.

Special and immediate challenge: Use all means available to prevent/address surges from China in the context of the current economic situation:

- *Be fully vigilant re: export trends and developments in China driving them.*
- *Use diplomacy to advise (warn) against surges (bilats, JCCT, SED; other settings).*
- *Commit to using Section 421 as a viable response to Chinese surges.*
- *Take all possible legal action against surges at earliest possible moment.*

Keep all options on the table, including the possible need for border adjustments, to address the trade and competitiveness dimensions of the climate change issue

- Be as strong about China and the environment as you are about China and trade.
- Understand that climate change is a global problem requiring a global solution.
- Support a Global Steel Sector Approach to climate change to ensure no distortions in the marketplace.
- Fully analyze and address the trade and competitiveness aspects of any proposed climate change regulations, including the possible need for border adjustments vs. China and other “BRIC” countries that do not make equivalent GHG reductions.