

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee, *Charter IV*, Recommendation Fact Sheet

Recommendation #4 (Approved July 27, 2017):

As the United States pursues the renegotiation of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), we recommend that the Secretary of Commerce advocate for the following key issues and solutions for U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency companies (RE&EE):

Trade in Goods

- Maintain the tariff at zero rate for RE&EE products that are produced in North America.
- Promote the protection of North American RE&EE products and services against unfair practices of other countries outside of the NAFTA agreement with regulations, certification, and anti-dumping taxes. This application must be made jointly with both Canada and Mexico, to prevent unfair practices.
- Promote that the United States, Mexico and Canada do not charge any additional tax for RE&EE products that each country does not charge for the same type of products originating in their own country, regardless of the national content of origin among NAFTA partners.
- Support audit compliance and enforce the rules of origin.

Good Regulatory Practices

- Promote and ensure the certification of RE&EE products manufactured within NAFTA utilizing the regulation of U.S. standards.

State-Owned and Controlled Enterprises

- Increase market access in RE&EE segments traditionally dominated by state-owned enterprises, as has been the case with oil and gas markets.

Anti-Corruption

- Establish a “one-stop-shop,” user-friendly and transparent portal, where U.S. companies can report acts of corruption, harassment, discrimination, and intimidation of NAFTA member countries. Establish a program whereby the staff can respond immediately to such complaints by quickly establishing penalties or file corresponding actions to allow for a timely response and settlement of these types of issues.

Standards and Codes

- Promote and ensure the adoption and recognition of U.S. standards across NAFTA nations for RE&EE products.

Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises

- Establish a process that promotes and supports government purchases for small- and medium-sized enterprises within NAFTA countries.

Sub-Committee: Export Competitiveness

Expected Impact on Export Competitiveness:

- Increased U.S. RE&EE exports for goods and services
- Increased investment in U.S. RE&EE factories and technologies

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- Increased long-term, stable jobs for U.S. workers
- Increased research and development investments by the private sector

Specific Agencies Responsible for Implementation: Department of Commerce, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

Metric to Track Success:

- Increased exports of U.S. RE&EE goods and services.
- Increased inquiries of U.S. RE&EE goods and services through the Commercial Service offices in Canada and Mexico.