

## **Plan to Implement and Enforce the U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement**

### **Prepared by the Office of Management and Budget**

This report fulfills the requirements of Section 2108(a) of the Trade Act of 2002 (“the Act”).<sup>1</sup> This section requires that when the President submits a trade agreement to Congress under the Act, the President also must submit concurrently a plan for implementing and enforcing the agreement. Specifically, the plan must include the following:

*Section 2108(a)(1)—Border Personnel Requirements:* A description of the additional personnel required at border entry points, including a list of additional customs and agricultural inspectors.

*Section 2108(a)(2)—Agency Staffing Requirements:* A description of additional personnel required by Federal agencies responsible for monitoring and implementing the trade agreement, including personnel required by the Office of the United States Trade Representative, Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture, Department of Treasury, and such other agencies as may be necessary.

*Section 2108(a)(3)—Customs Infrastructure Requirements:* A description of the additional equipment and facilities needed for customs activities.

*Section 2108(a)(5)—Cost Analysis:* An analysis of the costs associated with each of the above items.

The Office of Management and Budget has requested appropriate agencies to provide information on any additional staffing and equipment that will be required to implement and enforce the U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement and the costs associated with these needs. The agencies have reported that most can effectively implement and enforce the Bahrain FTA within their existing budgeted resources. For those few areas where agencies have identified additional staffing needs, the Administration intends to adjust existing budgeted resources and does not anticipate requesting additional funding from Congress.

*Section 2108(a)(1)—Border Personnel Requirements:* No additional border personnel are required.

*Section 2108(a)(2)—Agency Staffing Requirements:* The following agencies have identified additional staffing needs to implement and enforce the Bahrain FTA. The costs associated with these needs are negligible and can be accommodated within the Administration’s 2005 request with no adverse effect on agency performance.

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<sup>1</sup> The description of the impact of the trade agreement on State and local governments as a result of increases in trade required by Section 2108(a)(4) will be provided separately by the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

<b>Agency</b>	<b># FTE</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Department of Commerce	1	<b>ITA: Establish secretariat to administer U.S. obligations under the agreement.</b>
Department of Commerce—PTO	.5	<b>USPTO: Monitor, implement and help enforce intellectual property provisions.</b>
Department of Labor—Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB)	.5	<b>On board staff reassigned to administer the U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement</b>

*Section 2108(a)(3)—Customs Infrastructure Requirements:* It is anticipated that no significant additional equipment or facilities are needed.