

Plan to Implement and Enforce the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement

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This report fulfills the requirements of Section 2108(a) of the Trade Act of 2002 (“the Act”).¹ 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 by the United States Customs Service.

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.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and the costs associated with these needs. The agencies have reported that most can effectively implement and enforce the Singapore 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 Singapore FTA. The costs associated with these needs are negligible.

¹ 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.

Agency	# FTE	Purpose
Department of Agriculture— Foreign Agricultural Service	.25	Monitoring compliance by Singapore with agricultural-related commitments
Department of Commerce—U.S. Patent and Trademark Office	1.0	Monitoring compliance by Singapore with intellectual property-related commitments
Department of Commerce— International Trade Administration	1.0	Administration of dispute settlement functions
Department of Treasury	.33	Address legal issues associated with implementation and enforcement

Section 2108(a)(3)—Customs Infrastructure Requirements

No additional equipment or facilities are needed by the United States Customs Service.