



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable David S. Johanson
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Chairman Johanson,

As you know, the Committee on Ways and Means previously requested that the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) investigate and produce a report on the global competitiveness of the U.S. rice industry. This 2015 report provided valuable insight into the global rice market for producers and policy makers alike. Pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), the Committee requests that the USITC conduct an additional investigation and produce a report on this subject, primarily focused on the 2018-2023 period.

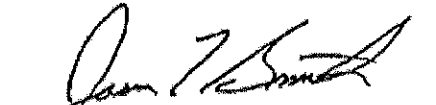
To the extent data and information are available, the report should contain updates to the 2015 report where significant changes have been observed during the 2018-2023 period. Specifically, the report should contain:

- information on recent developments in the rice industries in the United States and other major global producing and exporting countries, such as Bangladesh, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Paraguay, Thailand, Uruguay, and Vietnam;
- information on recent trade trends and developments in the global market for rice, including U.S. and major foreign supplier imports and exports;
- a comparison of the competitive strengths and weaknesses of rice production in and exports from the United States and other major exporting countries, focusing on factors affecting delivered cost, product differentiation, and reliability of supply, as well as government policies and programs that directly or indirectly affect rice production and exporting in these countries;
- a qualitative and, to the extent possible, quantitative assessment of the impact of government policies and programs, including public stockholding programs and export restrictions, of major producing and exporting countries on U.S. rice production,

- producer revenues and profits, consumption, trade, and prices, as well as on food security in developing countries; and
- an overview of the impact on the U.S. rice industry of exports from the highlighted countries of rice to the United States and to traditional export markets of the United States.

The Committee requests that the USITC transmit its report to Congress no later than 13 months following the receipt of this request. The Committee intends to make the report public. Therefore, the report should not include confidential business information.

Sincerely,



Jason Smith
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means