

**§ 3806. Treatment of certain trade agreements for which negotiations have already begun**

**(a) Certain agreements**

Notwithstanding the prenegotiation notification and consultation requirement described in section 3804(a) of this title, if an agreement to which section 3803(b) of this title applies—

- (1) is entered into under the auspices of the World Trade Organization,
- (2) is entered into with Chile,
- (3) is entered into with Singapore, or
- (4) establishes a Free Trade Area for the Americas,

and results from negotiations that were commenced before August 6, 2002, subsection (b) shall apply.

**(b) Treatment of agreements**

In the case of any agreement to which subsection (a) applies—

- (1) the applicability of the trade authorities procedures to implementing bills shall be determined without regard to the requirements of section 3804(a) of this title (relating only to 90 days notice prior to initiating negotiations), and any procedural disapproval resolution under section 3805(b)(1)(B) of this title shall not be in order on the basis of a failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of section 3804(a) of this title; and
- (2) the President shall, as soon as feasible after August 6, 2002—

(A) notify the Congress of the negotiations described in subsection (a), the specific United States objectives in the negotiations, and whether the President is seeking a new agreement or changes to an existing agreement; and

(B) before and after submission of the notice, consult regarding the negotiations with the committees referred to in section 3804(a)(2) of this title and the Congressional Oversight Group convened under section 3807 of this title.

(Pub. L. 107–210, div. B, title XXI, §2106, Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 1016.)

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation of functions of President under this section, see section 1 of Ex. Ord. No. 13277, Nov. 19, 2002, 67 F.R. 70305, set out as a note under section 3801 of this title.

**§ 3807. Congressional Oversight Group**

**(a) Members and functions**

**(1) In general**

By not later than 60 days after August 6, 2002, and not later than 30 days after the convening of each Congress, the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Senate shall convene the Congressional Oversight Group.

**(2) Membership from the House**

In each Congress, the Congressional Oversight Group shall be comprised of the following Members of the House of Representatives:

- (A) The chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and 3

additional members of such Committee (not more than 2 of whom are members of the same political party).

(B) The chairman and ranking member, or their designees, of the committees of the House of Representatives which would have, under the Rules of the House of Representatives, jurisdiction over provisions of law affected by a trade agreement negotiations for which are conducted at any time during that Congress and to which this chapter would apply.

**(3) Membership from the Senate**

In each Congress, the Congressional Oversight Group shall also be comprised of the following members of the Senate:

(A) The chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Finance and 3 additional members of such Committee (not more than 2 of whom are members of the same political party).

(B) The chairman and ranking member, or their designees, of the committees of the Senate which would have, under the Rules of the Senate, jurisdiction over provisions of law affected by a trade agreement negotiations for which are conducted at any time during that Congress and to which this chapter would apply.

**(4) Accreditation**

Each member of the Congressional Oversight Group described in paragraphs (2)(A) and (3)(A) shall be accredited by the United States Trade Representative on behalf of the President as an official adviser to the United States delegation in negotiations for any trade agreement to which this chapter applies. Each member of the Congressional Oversight Group described in paragraphs (2)(B) and (3)(B) shall be accredited by the United States Trade Representative on behalf of the President as an official adviser to the United States delegation in the negotiations by reason of which the member is in the Congressional Oversight Group. The Congressional Oversight Group shall consult with and provide advice to the Trade Representative regarding the formulation of specific objectives, negotiating strategies and positions, the development of the applicable trade agreement, and compliance and enforcement of the negotiated commitments under the trade agreement.

**(5) Chair**

The Congressional Oversight Group shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Senate.

**(b) Guidelines**

**(1) Purpose and revision**

The United States Trade Representative, in consultation with the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate—

- (A) shall, within 120 days after August 6, 2002, develop written guidelines to facilitate the useful and timely exchange of informa-