

(C) trends in international labor productivity;

(6) information on foreign government policies affecting trade, including—

- (A) trade barriers; and
- (B) export financing policies;

(7) import and export data for the United States on a State-by-State basis aggregated at the product level including—

(A) data concerning the country shipping the import, the State of first destination, and the original part<sup>1</sup> of entry for imports of goods and, to the extent possible, services; and

(B) data concerning the State of the exporter, the port of departure, and the country of first destination for export of goods and, to the extent possible, services; and

(8) any other economic and trade data collected by the Federal Government that the Secretary determines to be useful in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

**(c) Export Promotion Data System**

The export promotion data system shall include data and information collected by the Federal Government on the industrial sectors and markets of foreign countries which are determined by the Secretary (after consultation required by section 4904 of this title) to be of the greatest interest to United States business firms that are engaged in export-related activities and to Federal and State agencies that promote exports, while providing for the confidentiality of proprietary business information, and shall be designed to use the most effective means of disseminating data and information electronically through the Department, or Department-designated offices, or through other available data bases in an accurate and timely manner. Such data system shall monitor, organize, and disseminate selected information on—

- (1) specific business opportunities in foreign countries;
- (2) specific industrial sectors within foreign countries with high export potential such as—
  - (A) size of the market;
  - (B) distribution of products;
  - (C) competition;
  - (D) significant applicable laws, regulations, specifications, and standards;
  - (E) appropriate government officials; and
  - (F) trade associations and other contact points; and
- (3) foreign countries generally, such as—
  - (A) the general economic conditions;
  - (B) common business practices;
  - (C) significant tariff and trade barriers; and
  - (D) other significant laws and regulations regarding imports, licensing, and the protection of intellectual property;
- (4) export financing information, including the availability, through public sources of funds for United States exporters and foreign competitors;
- (5) transactions involving barter and countertrade; and

(6) any other similar information, that the Secretary determines to be useful in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5406, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1464.)

**§ 4907. Operation of Data Bank**

The Secretary shall manage the Data Bank to provide the most appropriate data retrieval system or systems possible. Such system or systems shall—

(1) be designed to utilize data processing and retrieval technology in monitoring, organizing, analyzing, and disseminating the data and information contained in the Data Bank;

(2) use the most effective and meaningful means of organizing and making such information available to—

- (A) United States Government policy-makers;
- (B) United States business firms;
- (C) United States workers;
- (D) United States industry associations;
- (E) United States agricultural interests;
- (F) State and local economic development agencies; and
- (G) other interested United States persons who could benefit from such information;

(3) be of such quality and timeliness and in such form as to assist coordinated trade strategies for the United States; and

(4) facilitate dissemination of information through nonprofit organizations with significant outreach programs which complement the regional outreach programs of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

(Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5407, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1466.)

**§ 4908. Information on service sector**

**(a) Service sector information**

The Secretary shall ensure that, to the extent possible, there is included in the Data Bank information on service sector economic activity that is as complete and timely as information on economic activity in the merchandise sector.

**(b) Survey**

The Secretary shall undertake a new benchmark survey of service transactions, including transactions with respect to—

- (1) banking services;
- (2) information services, including computer software services;
- (3) brokerage services;
- (4) transportation services;
- (5) travel services;
- (6) engineering services;
- (7) construction services; and
- (8) health services.

**(c) General information and index of leading indicators**

The Secretary shall provide—

(1) not less than once a year, comprehensive information on the service sector of the economy; and

(2) an index of leading indicators which includes the measurement of service sector ac-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "port".