

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL



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## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, DC 20436

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I hereby submit this Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. The report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the Office of Inspector General and is submitted in accordance with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended.

The OIG has had a very active six months and seen significant change in its operations. Implementing the changes from the IG Act Amendments of 2008 included: changing the OIG website to increase access and provide for contractor self-reporting; entering into an agreement with Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for independent legal services; and preparing and submitting an independent budget for the OIG, including shared costs for the Council for Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency. Adjustments to IG pay and rank have not been implemented but are under discussion with the Office of the Chairman.

During the course of an OIG investigation into allegations against a contractor, procurement files were removed from OIG possession by a Commission employee. This incident is reported on page 15 of this report, as required by Section 5(a)5 of the IG Act, as unreasonable refusal of information or assistance. The OIG continues to work with the Office of the Chairman and the General Counsel to establish the authority of the Office of Inspector General in accessing and securing documents in the course of an audit or investigation.

The Office of Inspector General will continue to work constructively with the Commission to further our common goal of assuring the effectiveness, efficiency and integrity of Commission programs and operations.

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Inspector General