

2024 Committee Descriptions

AAEI is the premier trade organization representing U.S. companies engaged in global trade. We advocate on behalf of U.S. companies on trade policy issues before the U.S. Congress, trade compliance practices and operations before Executive Agencies, and multi-lateral organizations including the World Trade Organization and the World Customs Organization. How do we do this? With the strength of our members, organized into committees and sub-committees! Join a committee by becoming a member and notifying Staff@AAEI-HQ.org of your interest.

Automotive & Aerospace Committee - Focuses on issues of interest to importers and exporters of automotive and aerospace & defense products, other bulk commodities, and related transportation companies.

Border Interagency Committee - Focuses on the unique problems of importers subject to the other government regulations - FDA, USDA, EPA, CSPC, DOT, FWS, ATF and others. This committee is generally aligned with the USG's Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC).

Customs Policy and Procedures Committee - Focuses on projects dealing with automation, entry revision, global customs harmonization, trade security, tariff data reporting, ISF, bonds and legislation impacting the trade community. This committee is generally aligned with US CBP's leadership team.

Drawback and Duty Deferral Committee - Focuses on regulatory changes and administrative problems on same-condition and substitution drawback and special duty deferral programs, such as temporary import bond entries. Its goal is to get the Drawback Modernization Act passed immediately. Generally, matters of concern to Foreign Trade Zones and the Petroleum industry will be discussed, and sub-committees created as needed for specified topics. This group generally aligns with the USG CBP Drawback leadership.

Export and Global Trade Compliance Committee - Supports members engaged in U.S. export transactions and members with responsibility for trade operations and trade compliance programs globally. Discussion issues include export controls, sanctions programs, foreign barriers to U.S. exports, and the various regional challenges facing international compliance teams, such as monitoring trade developments around the world and addressing different local standards globally. This committee maintains a close alignment with the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), State Department, International Trade in Arms (ITAR), Census leadership, and the World Customs Organization, as well as leveraging partnerships with regional trade associations.

Healthcare Industries Committee - To engage with legislative bodies and federal agencies (FDA, USDA, DEA, EPA) to develop guidelines and workable solutions that facilitate the import and export of life saving drugs and medical devices and also assist the agencies to fulfill their mission to ensure public health and safety.

Textiles, Apparel and Footwear Committee - Focuses on the importing and exporting of textiles, apparel and footwear.

Trade Policy Committee - Focuses on regional and special trade agreements, multilateral trade negotiations, dumping and countervailing duty issues, competition policy, legislation and macroeconomic policy as it affects international trade. This committee is generally aligned with US CBP's leadership team.

Transpacific Committee - With primary focus on logistical issues impacting Transpacific Trade, this committee would also identify Transpacific trade issues which impact all members.