

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
National Shipper Advisory Committee

Charter

1. Advisory Committee's Official Designation

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2. Authority

This statutory National Shipper Advisory Committee (Committee or NSAC) was established pursuant to 46 U.S.C. chapter 425, and is renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. chapter 10.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities

- a. As set out in 46 U.S.C. § 42502(b), the function of the Committee is to advise the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) on policies relating to the competitiveness, reliability, integrity, and fairness of the international ocean freight delivery system.
- b. The Commission will consult the Committee on significant agency actions relating to the Committee's functions.

4. Description of Duties

The function and duties of the Committee are solely advisory. The Committee shall provide information, advice, and recommendations on new, existing, or proposed Commission policies and regulations pertaining to competitiveness, reliability, integrity, and fairness of the international ocean freight delivery system.

5. Agency or Federal Official Receiving the Advisory Committee's Advice/Recommendations

The Committee shall report to the Commission, through the Commission's Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

6. Support

The Commission is responsible for providing the services and support considered by the Commission to be necessary for the conduct of Committee functions.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years

The estimated annual cost to the Government for operating the Committee as follows:

- a. Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis – 0.2 FTE, \$37,000.00
- b. Other Federal internal costs - \$0.00
- c. Payments to members - \$0.00
- d. Reimbursable costs - - \$0.00

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

The Committee will meet not less than once each calendar year and as otherwise approved by the Commission.

9. Duration

Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 42503(k), the Committee shall operate until September 30, 2029.

10. Termination

Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 42503(k), the Committee shall terminate on September 30, 2029.

11. Membership and Designation

- a. Membership shall be comprised of a total of 24 natural persons: twelve members who represent entities who import cargo to the United States using ocean common carriers; and twelve members who represent entities who export cargo from the United States using ocean common carriers.
- b. Each member of the Committee is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Commission.
- c. Committee membership will reflect a balanced mix of commodities shipped, ports used, geographic areas served, and origins of cargo.
- d. *Officers* - A Chair and Vice Chair will be elected by the Committee from among the Committee's members. The Vice Chair will act as Chair in the Chair's absence or vacancy.
- e. *Status of Members* – Committee members are not considered employees of the Federal Government except as permitted by law. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

- f. *Terms* – A member’s term will expire on December 31 of the third full year after the effective date of the appointment. After a member’s term expires, the member may continue to serve for up to one year until a successor is appointed. The Commission may reappoint a member to a new term.

12. Subcommittees

- a. The Chair of the Committee may establish and disestablish subcommittees and working groups for any purpose consistent with the function of the Committee and consistent with the Committee Bylaws.
- b. Subcommittees and working groups may not work independently of the Committee and must report their recommendations, advice, and work product to the Committee for deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees and working groups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the Committee nor can they report directly to the Commission.

13. Charter Filing Date – 05/07/2026

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