



Why FTAC wants to file the 301(a) by June, 2006.

- **This is an election year.**
Politicians are more vulnerable when they stand for re-election.
- **The next round of the WTO will be in June of 2007.**
Cases will be prepared throughout the fall of this year and the beginning of next year. Should our claim move to the WTO for dispute settlement, we would want to begin preparation this coming fall.
- **The USTR will rely upon FTAC to assist it in preparing for the WTO proceedings if required.**
There is a practical limit on the amount and quality of work that USTR can commit to any WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding. Active participation by the petitioning parties *does* have an impact on the outcome of the panel and appellate body decisions.
- **We must expect and be prepared for opposition.**
Where there are large amounts of money at stake, the parties with economic interests often are willing to take considerable measures to defend their interests.

The 301(a) Timeline

Start the Clock. - We file the 301(a) Petition.

45-90 Days - The United States Trade Representative (USTR) decides whether to initiate an action.

90-120 Days - USTR will consult with the country whose practices are challenged. If successful, we are done and the subsidies are removed.

195-210 Days - If the USTR's efforts are not successful, the case will proceed through the panel process at the WTO.

275-320 Days - (if appealed) to go through the WTO Appellate Body process.

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