

Citizen Trade Policy Commission
November 9, 2004
AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15

Introductions

9:15 – 12:00

Presentation: Forum on Democracy & Trade, Director Peter Riggs and Jennifer Gerbasi will discuss how U.S. trade commitments impact States' regulatory powers. During this presentation, the following areas will be covered:

- A brief over-view of U.S. trade policy and the World Trade Organization;
- New developments in trade agreements and in upcoming negotiations;
- Key rules;
- Sectors of interest to Maine – Agriculture, prescription drugs;
- Who makes decisions regarding U.S. trade commitments
- What can Maine do;
- What are other States doing;
- Where Can States Go for Assistance; and
- Discussion

The Forum on Democracy & Trade is a nonprofit organization that provides legal and technical assistance, and networking support, to State legislators and other public officials working on trade issues in their jurisdictions. The Forum is pro-trade and pro-democracy, dedicated to ensuring that States can use trade to advance economic development while safeguarding local authority.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch break (Cross Office Building cafeteria will be open)

1:00

Commission Work Session

- The Commission should develop a short and long term work plan and, if needed, establish sub-committees to cover specific areas of interest. Both Peter Riggs and Jennifer Gerbasi will be available to provide assistance to the Commission as needed.
- Schedule public hearings