



INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY RAIMONDO

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RE: **Reviews of the Department of Commerce's Law Enforcement Functions**

We are initiating reviews of the U.S. Department of Commerce's (the Department's) law enforcement functions outside of the Office of Inspector General. Our objectives are to determine (1) the mission, legal basis, and authority for such functions and whether relevant statutes and guidelines are satisfied, (2) whether the law enforcement function developed plans and policies for oversight of their jurisdictions and offices and the extent to which oversight was provided, (3) whether training for the Department's law enforcement officers is adequate and up-to-date, and (4) the extent to which the Department provides oversight to ensure that law enforcement powers are properly exercised within jurisdictional limits.

We plan to start this work with a review of the Bureau of Industry and Security's (BIS's) Export Enforcement. We will contact BIS to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we can discuss in further detail the specific nature of our project—including our objectives and scope, time frames, and any potential needs for us to be provided data. These reviews will occur one at a time and will continue on as rotating annual reviews. If you have any questions about these reviews, please contact me at (202) 482-4661.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.