

BACKGROUND

The three reports released today were prepared in close consultation with other U.S. government agencies and rely on information submitted by the public and U.S. embassies abroad. These reports build on and complement the 2001 Trade Policy Agenda (released on March 1, 2001), the 2001 NTE Report (released on March 31, 2001), and the review of telecommunications trade agreements under section 1377 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (released on April 2, 2001). The "Super 301" report, originally required under Section 310 of the Trade Act of 1974, was prepared pursuant to Executive Order 13116 of March 31, 1999; the "Special 301" report was prepared pursuant to section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974; and the "Title VII" report, originally required under Title VII of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, also was prepared pursuant to E.O. 13116.

