

U.S. International Trade Commission

Management Report: Improper Payment Determination for Fiscal Year 2020



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Chair Kearns:

This transmits the Inspector General's report on the Commission's compliance with the Payment Integrity Improvement Act of 2019. We conducted this review based on the requirements in OMB Circular A-123, Appendix C (M-18-20), OMB Circular A-136, and guidance issued by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

We determined that the Commission has complied with the applicable requirements for fiscal year 2020, as shown in the table below.

Table 1: IPERA Compliance Reporting Table

Program Name	Published an AFR or PAR	Conducted a Risk Assessment	Published an Improper Payment Estimate	Published Corrective Action Plans	Published and is Meeting Reduction Targets	Reported an Improper Payment Rate of Less than 10 Percent
USITC	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

We made this determination based on our review of the relevant sections of the Commission's Agency Financial Report, our analysis of improper payment documentation provided by the

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, and the results of testing performed by the Internal Control and Risk Management Division. The Commission's most recent risk assessment did not identify any programs or activities susceptible to significant improper payments at or above the reporting threshold.

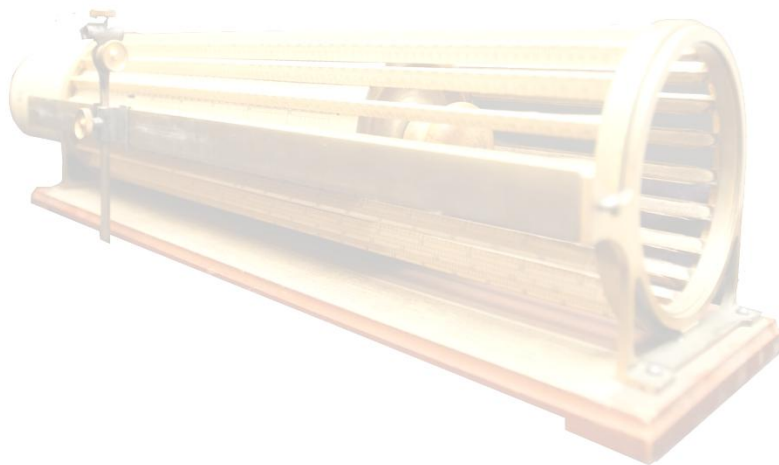
As required, we will be providing a copy of this report to members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Government Accountability Office.

We are not issuing any recommendations in this report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Haberstroh", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Haberstroh
Acting Inspector General



“Thacher’s Calculating Instrument” developed by Edwin Thacher in the late 1870s. It is a cylindrical, rotating slide rule able to quickly perform complex mathematical calculations involving roots and powers quickly. The instrument was used by architects, engineers, and actuaries as a measuring device.

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