

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0315

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**May 23, 2017**

**11:00 A.M., 2360 Rayburn House Office Building**

**TO: Members, Committee on Small Business**

**FROM: Steve Chabot, Chairman**

**DATE: Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

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The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, “Accomplishments and Challenges at the SBA’s Office of International Trade.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The hearing will examine the efforts of the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Office of International Trade (OIT) to increase exports, coordinate export promotion activities with other federal agencies, and assist United States small businesses’ engagement in the global marketplace. Increasing small business exports continues to be a top priority for both United States lawmakers and the federal government. While nearly 300,000 small businesses are currently exporting to foreign markets, many small businesses face significant challenges in getting their goods and services abroad. To help address these challenges, Congress redirected the SBA to increase its role in export activities, including export counseling and financing. The Committee will hear directly from the SBA about its ongoing efforts to assist small businesses seeking to engage in the international trading system.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, May 22, 2017 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact James Burchfield, Professional Staff for the Committee, at 202-225-5821.