The U.S. SAFE WEB Act Enhances FTC Cross-Border Enforcement Efforts

Since Congress passed the Act in December 2006, SAFE WEB has proven to be a foundation of FTC cross-border activities by:

- Confirming the FTC’s cross-border remedial authority
- Broadening reciprocal information sharing with foreign law enforcement agencies
- Expanding investigative cooperation with foreign law enforcement agencies
- Authorizing negotiation of international agreements
- Allowing staff exchange programs with foreign government agencies
SAFE WEB Provides for Staff Exchanges

• Explicit Authority Granted to FTC by Congress
  – The FTC may employ officers or employees of foreign government agencies on a temporary basis as special government employees.
  – The FTC may detail officers or employees of the FTC to work on a temporary basis for appropriate foreign government agencies.
  – Reciprocity is not required. A one-way detail of a person to or from the FTC rather than an exchange is ok.

Acting FTC Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen with R-L Noman Laiq (Competition Commission of Pakistan), Abram Tiro (Competition Commission of South Africa), Uriel Citroen (Israel Antitrust Authority), and Hyesin An (Korea Consumer Agency). Also pictured is Michael Shore, Counsel for International Affairs and Manager of International Staff Exchange Programs.
Colleagues from Around the World Join FTC Enforcement Teams

“I feel very privileged to have been part of the International Fellows Program, working on health-care and geoscience antitrust investigations. Considering markets much larger than those in my home country enhanced my knowledge of antitrust matters. My experience participating in an ‘immediate access’ has proved valuable in my current functions. “The Fellows Program is tailored to provide personal and professional growth, with the right mix of duties to enhance investigative and research skills. My six months as a Fellow to a certain extent paved the way for my current position as Executive Director of the Competition Commission of Mauritius.”

- Kiran Nandinee Meetarbhan (2014)
“Spending six months in BCP's Division of Advertising Practices has been an extremely enriching experience. I have worked on several investigations from their inception, in various sectors, and become familiar with U.S. law and enforcement practice. "I've reviewed and assessed evidence, drafted legal analysis and civil investigative demands, and generally participated in all substantive aspects of the matters.”

-Angelo Grieco
Fellows Have Come from Around the World

- Fellows spend three to six months at the FTC.
- Since the end of 2007, we have hosted 74 Fellows from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, El Salvador, the European Commission, France, Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Tanzania, Turkey, United Kingdom, Vietnam, and Zambia.

(Right) Luis Castell (Colombia), Boladale Adeyinka (Nigeria), and Taekyun Kim (South Korea). (Left) Then-FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez with Carlos Mena Labarthe, head of the Investigation Authority of Mexico’s Federal Economic Competition Commission (COFECE). Also pictured are Russell Damtoft, Associate Director for International Affairs (extreme left) and Michael Shore (extreme right).
Interns May Join FTC Teams or Participate in Intensive Short-Term Programs

• SAFE WEB Interns usually spend two months or less at the FTC. Sometimes senior officials come for an intensive program, like these two delegations from India, pictured here with then-Commissioner William Kovacic (below, center) and FTC staff.

• Since the end of 2007, we have hosted 33 SAFE WEB Interns from Austria, Canada, Egypt, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Turkey, and Ukraine.
Interested in Being a Part of the International Fellows Program or SAFE WEB Interns Program?

To apply, kindly email a CV, nomination letter from your agency, and your own letter of interest to Michael Shore of the FTC’s Office of International Affairs, at mshore@ftc.gov.