



Department of Commerce
Departmental Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Management and Organization
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Via email: EF0IA@doc.gov

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Attention: Freedom Of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, this is a request for the following information:

1. Documents relating to the position of the United States as shared with third-country negotiating partners during the 9th round negotiations of ACTA that took place in Lucerne, Switzerland from June 28 to July 1, 2010, including but not limited to position papers, analyses and records of verbal communications on the topic of ***the public release of the draft negotiating text of the Anti Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA)***.
2. Documents that identify the positions of any other country in the ACTA negotiation during the Lucerne meeting on the issue of the transparency of the draft ACTA text, including but not limited to position papers, analyses and records of verbal communications.

Note that this FOIA request is **NOT** a request for any information about the substantive positions of any countries. The request **ONLY** concerns documents which identify the position of the U.S. or other countries on the issue of transparency.

I work for Knowledge Ecology International (KEI), a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, nonprofit organization located in Washington, D.C.

KEI requests a waiver of all fees associated with this request under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(iii) because this request is not for any commercial purpose, and the information sought will be widely circulated and will be used in a way that meaningfully contributes to the public understanding of government practices and policies, and in advancing the public interest.

For any document(s) or portion of document(s) to which you deny me access, please provide an index itemizing and describing justification of your grounds for claiming each exemption, explaining why each exemption is relevant to the document or portion of the document withheld. I look forward to receiving your written response within twenty working days as required by law.

When possible, I am also requesting that the documents be released in electronic form in order to avoid the cost of duplication of documents and to assist in their dissemination.

Thank you for expediting this request. You may contact me directly at (202) 332 2670 or by electronic mail at malini.aisola@keionline.org to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

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