

Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

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MOFCOM is similar to the US Department of Commerce in that it regulates domestic and foreign trade, works to attract foreign investment, and helps Chinese companies abroad. It also incorporates trade policy and administrative functions, particularly regarding World Trade Organization (WTO) implementation. MOFCOM manages competition policy, supervises anti-counterfeiting efforts and coordinates regional protectionism within China. MOFCOM was originally created in 2003 by combining the former Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation with components of the former State Economic and Trade and State Development Planning Commissions.

Minister	
Zhong Shan 钟山	

Vice Ministers and Other Senior Officials		
<p>Fu Ziying 傅自应 (China International Trade Representative, Vice Minister) Responsible for the Secretariat of China International Trade Representative, Anti-monopoly Bureau, Department of Foreign Trade, Department of Eurasia Affairs, Department of European Affairs, Bureau of Foreign Trade Development, Quota & License Administrative Bureau, and China Foreign Trade Center.</p>	<p>Gao Yan 高燕 (Vice Minister) Responsible for the General Office, the Department of Asian Affairs, the Department of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs, the Department of Foreign Affairs, MOFCOM Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Bureau of Discipline Supervision and Investigation, the Department for Old Cadre's Affairs, MOFCOM Special Commissioner's Offices, Association of Economy and Trade Across Taiwan Straits and Open Government.</p>	<p>Fang Aiqing 房爱卿 (Vice Minister) Responsible for the Department of Market Supervision, the Department of Circulation Industry Development, the Department of Market Operation and Consumption Promotion, the Department of Trade in Services and Commercial Services, the Office of Leading Group for National Cracking down on IPR Infringements and Counterfeits, the Chinese Service Outsourcing Research Center, China International Freight Forwarders Association, and China Association of Trade in Services.</p>

Wang Shouwen 王受文

(Vice Minister)

Responsible for the Department of Foreign Investment Administration, the Department of International Trade & Economic Affairs, the Department of WTO Affairs (China WTO Notification and Inquiry Center), China Investment Promotion Agency, China Association of Enterprises with Foreign Investment, China Council for International Investment Promotion, China Society for World Trade Organization Studies and China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations.

Yu Jianhua 俞建华

(Vice Minister, Deputy China International Trade Representative)

Department of Foreign Assistance, the Department of Outward Investment and Economic Cooperation, the Department of American and Oceanian Affairs, the Bureau of International Economic Cooperation, China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges, the Academy for International Business Officials, China International Contractors Association, China National Association of Engineering Consultants, and China Cooperative Trade Enterprises Association.

Qian Keming 钱克明

(Vice Minister)

Responsible for the Policy Research Department, the Comprehensive Department, the Department of Western Asian and African Affairs, the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, China Shippers' Association, China Association of International Trade, and the Statistical Society for Foreign Economic Relations and Trade of China.

Wang Bingnan 王炳南

(Assistant Minister)

Responsible for the Department of Market System Development, the Department of Electronic Commerce and Informatization, the Bureau of Administrative Support, China International Electronic Commerce Center, and the Circulation Industry Promotion Center.

Zhang Ji 张骥

(Assistant Minister)

Covers the Bureau of Industry, Security, Import and Export Control, the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau, International Business Daily and China-Europe Association for Technical and Economic Cooperation.

Li Chenggang 李成钢

(Assistant Minister)

Covers the Department of Treaty and Law, the Department of Finance, China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Textile and Apparel, China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Light Industrial Products and Arts-Crafts, China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters, China Chamber of Commerce of Foodstuffs and Native Produce, China Chamber of Commerce for Import & Export of Medicines & Health Products, and the Accounting Society for Foreign Economic Relations & Trade of China and oversees liaison with the Trade Audit Office of the National Audit Office of China.

Department Responsibilities		
<p>General Office (Secretariat of China International Trade Representative) (办公厅 (国际贸易谈判代表秘书局)) Coordinates MOFCOM department activities; organizes conferences; issues news releases; publishes the MOFCOM <i>Gazette</i>; and coordinates international trade negotiations.</p>	<p>Department of Human Resources (人事司) Manages staffing, employee salaries, team building, and employee training.</p>	<p>Policy Research Department (政策研究室) Researches economic globalization, regional economic cooperation, trade system reform, and modern market trends; provides policy advice on economic topics.</p>
<p>Comprehensive Department (综合司) Drafts policies and plans on domestic and international trade and international cooperation; researches structural adjustment-related economic problems; provides policy advice; and releases statistical information.</p>	<p>Department of Treaty and Law (条约法律司) Drafts laws, regulations, and rules; provides advice on commercial rules and their agreement with international treaties; reviews negotiation documents; organizes international negotiations related to multilateral intellectual property and investment protection agreements; and undertakes administrative reconsideration and responses to administrative suits.</p>	<p>Department of Finance (财务司) Develops tax, finance, and pricing strategies; manages special and foreign aid funds, the budget, assets, capital construction, and internal audits.</p>
<p>Department of Market Supervision (市场秩序司) Coordinates the rectification, standardization, and regulation of the market economy; promotes credit building and regulates commercial credit transactions; responds to cases of intellectual property infringement and commercial fraud; and drafts policies on drug distribution.</p>	<p>Department of Market System Development (市场体系建设司) Drafts policies on market system regulation; pushes for distribution standardization; promotes retail enterprise sales; guides wholesale staple product market planning and urban commercial network planning; pushes the development of distribution systems for rural market and agricultural products; and supervises auctions, pawn shops, and thrift stores.</p>	<p>Department of Circulation Industry Development (流通业发展司) Manages industries related to the circulation of goods; promotes standardization and technology development in the circulation industry; develops and implements policies to optimize industrial structure for the circulation industry; supervises special circulation activities and industries such as auctions, leases, second-hand circulation and duty free shops; promotes energy saving and emissions reduction in the circulation industry; promotes commodity distribution reform in chain stores, franchises, and logistics distribution centers; and supervises distribution of petroleum products and circulation of renewable resources.</p>

Department Responsibilities

Department of Market Operation and Consumption Promotion (National Silk Coordination Office)
(市场运行和消费促进司(国家茧丝绸协调办公室))
Develops and implements regulations and standards related to market operations; monitors the market operations, supply, demand, and prices of key commodities; develops an emergency supply system for necessities; supervises management of reserves of important consumables; creates development policies for the silk industry; coordinates industrial development of and expands the international market for silk.

Anti-monopoly Bureau (as well as Office for the State Council Anti-monopoly Committee)
(反垄断局(国务院反垄断委员会办公室))
Reviews anti-monopoly hearings and investigations; investigates and addresses anti-monopoly investigations; investigates monopoly in foreign trade; guides domestic enterprises involved in overseas anti-monopoly investigations; negotiates competition clauses of multilateral and bilateral agreements; implements directives of the State Council's Anti-monopoly Committee.

Department of Foreign Trade (National Mechanic and Electronic Import and Export Office)
(对外贸易司(国家机电产品进出口办公室))
Formulates the administrative measures, aggregate planning, and product catalogue for imports and exports; implements annual plans for import and export quotas and tariff rate quotas; creates and implements policies and catalogues for the import and export of mechanic, electronic, and hi-tech products and the export of complete-plant equipment; guides the development of the foreign trade promotion system.

Department of Trade in Services and Commercial Services
(服务贸易和商贸服务业司)
Creates plans related to trade in services; drafts technology trade policies and service export incentive policies; manages the import and export of technology; promotes services trade; and releases related statistics.

Department of Industry, Security, Import and Export Control
(产业安全与进出口管制局)
Drafts and implements export control policies; issues import and export licenses for dual-use goods and technologies; builds a system of fair import and export early warning mechanisms; investigates industrial competitiveness; and evaluates and responds to industry security.

Department of Foreign Investment Administration
(外国投资管理司)
Creates and alters foreign investment plans for approval; supervises the enforcement of foreign-invested enterprise rules and bylaws; and coordinates key foreign investment-related work.

Department of Foreign Assistance (对外援助司)
Drafts and enforces foreign aid policies; negotiates and signs foreign aid agreements; and plans and supervises foreign aid projects.

Department of Outward Investment and Economic Cooperation (对外投资和经济合作司)
Drafts and enforces policies on outward economic cooperation; undertakes work related to outbound foreign direct investment, foreign project contracting, and business cooperation.

Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau (贸易救济调查局)
Investigates discriminatory trade policies, laws, and regulations; investigates and responds to injury to industry; established precautionary mechanisms for fair trade; oversees responses to anti-dumping, anti-subsidy, and safeguard measures.

Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs
(国际经贸关系司)
Drafts and enforces policies on multilateral and regional economic and trade issues; handles relations with multilateral and regional economic organs; responsible for negotiations and cooperation between China and international organizations.

Department of WTO Affairs (China WTO Notification and Inquiry Center)
(世界贸易组织司(中国政府世界贸易组织通报咨询局))
Manages WTO multilateral negotiations, dispute settlements, and other WTO-related affairs; promotes import and export standardization.

Department of Asian Affairs (亚洲司)
Drafts and enforces economic and trade cooperation development strategies for China-Asia trade; conducts negotiations and handles major Asia-related commercial affairs.

Department Responsibilities		
<p>Department of Western Asian and African Affairs (西亚非洲司) Drafts and enforces strategies, plans, and policies for trade between China and West Asian and African countries; conducts negotiations and handles other major West Asia- and Africa-related commercial affairs.</p>	<p>Department of Eurasian Affairs (欧亚司) Formulates and implements development strategies, programs, and policies for trade and economic cooperation; organizes bilateral and regional inter-governmental trade, economic joint or mixed commission meetings, and trade negotiations; supervises the implementation of trade agreements; assists Chinese companies in accessing foreign markets; and regulates trade and economic activities with countries without a diplomatic relationship with China.</p>	<p>Department of European Affairs (欧洲司) Drafts, develops, and enforces strategies, plans, and policies related to commerce with European countries; conducts negotiations and handles other major commercial affairs related to Europe.</p>
<p>Department of American and Oceanic Affairs (美洲大洋洲司) Drafts, develops, and enforces strategies, plans, and policies related to commerce with American and Oceanic countries; conducts negotiations and handles other major related commercial affairs.</p>	<p>Department of Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao Affairs (台港澳司) Drafts and enforces plans and policies on commercial relations between the mainland and Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan; drafts plans on cross-strait direct trade.</p>	<p>Department of Electronic Commerce and Informatization (电子商务和信息化司) Promotes the development of e-commerce; creates commerce standards and rules for information technology; and maintains the commerce information public service network.</p>
<p>Department of Foreign Affairs (外事司) Conducts external affairs work.</p>	<p>CCP Committee (机关党委(工会团委)) Manages MOFCOM's CCP relations.</p>	<p>Bureau of Discipline Supervision and Investigation (机关纪委) Supervises anticorruption work within MOFCOM.</p>
<p>Department of Retired Cadre Affairs (离退休干部局) Handles retired cadre affairs.</p>	<p>Office of the National Leading Group on the Fight Against IPR Infringement and Counterfeiting (全国打击侵犯知识产权和制售假冒伪劣商品工作领导小组办公室) Supervises the enforcement of regulations against IPR infringement and counterfeiting.</p>	<p>Advisory Committee for Economic & Trade Policy (经贸政策咨询委员会) Conducts research on commerce development trend domestically and internationally; provides advisory work for economic development strategy and planning.</p>

Note: Information accurate as of March 2017.
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