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Re: **Request for Exemption of the International Trade and Investment Advisory Council
Our File No. E-16-007**

Dear Ms. Arupo-Rodriguez:

This letter responds to your May 5, 2016 request on behalf of the International Trade and Investment Advisory Council for an exemption from the requirement to file a conflict of interest code. (See Gov. Code, § 87300.)

Your exemption request is approved because the Council satisfies the three criteria in the Commission's regulation. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18751, subd. (c)(3).) First, the Panel does not possess decisionmaking authority because it functions solely in an advisory capacity. Second, the Council does not have the authority to acquire real property and you state that it has no plans to do so. And, third, the Council's annual operating budget is less than \$150,000 because it does not receive any state funding.

Please note that interested parties may submit a request that this approval be reconsidered by the Commission within 30 days after the exemption is granted. If such a request is made, the Chair will consider that request and if, in her discretion, good cause exists for reconsideration, she will schedule the matter for a hearing before the Commission. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18751, subd. (j).)

Upon being issued, the exemption remains in effect until the basis for the grant of exemption no longer exists or the expiration of two years, whichever occurs earlier. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18751, subd. (m).)

If you have questions on this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5660.

Sincerely,

/s/

Erin V. Peth
Executive Director

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