

Right to Comment to the Small Business Administration

Small entities may comment about BIS's enforcement and compliance process to the Office of the National Ombudsman, Small Business Administration, via the internet (www.sba.gov/ombudsman), e-mail (ombudsman@sba.gov), mail (Small Business Administration, Office of the National Ombudsman, 409 Third St., SW, Washington, D.C. 20416), or by calling 1-888-REG-FAIR.

Non-Retaliation Policy

The Office of the National Ombudsman of the Small Business Administration (SBA) has asked all Federal agencies to make clear that, if a small business requests Ombudsman assistance on a matter or otherwise questions or complains about a Federal agency action, the agency will not retaliate in response.

The Department of Commerce is committed to fair regulatory practices, supports the right of the regulated community to raise concerns about regulatory enforcement actions without the fear of retaliation, and will investigate any allegations of retaliation and take appropriate action. We take such concerns and allegations very seriously and strive to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

However, while the Department will investigate any allegation of retaliation, a complaint to the Ombudsman will not stop or delay investigations and legal or administrative proceedings as part of the Department's ongoing responsibility to enforce relevant Federal laws.