

Our Services

■ Representation of interests, political consultancy and contact opportunities

Presenting position papers, monitoring and reporting, cultivating contacts

■ Service for companies

- Fielding general legal questions
- Providing information and contacts regarding economic topics in the US

■ Briefings

For German visitors from business and politics

■ German American trade forum in DC

Discussions and lectures with German and American politicians and business leaders

■ German American Business Outlook

Annual survey and press conference on the economic situation of German companies in the US (in cooperation with the GACCs)

■ Trade Delegations

- Coordination of programs for delegates visiting political institutions in DC
- Establishment of initial business contacts with the World Bank

Our Publications

■ Washington News

Weekly electronic publication on recent economic developments, available for subscribers in Germany and the US (in German)

■ Im Blickpunkt

Special reports on current economic topics of relevance for subscribers of the Washington News (in German)

■ Legislative and Regulatory Update

Gives an overview of new regulatory requirement of relevance to the German-American business community (in English)

■ Special Reports

Miscellaneous publication on important current issues for decision makers from associations and businesses (in German)

■ German American TRADE

Joint Publication of the German American Chambers of Commerce and the RGIT (in English)

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The Representative of German Industry and Trade (RGIT)

is the Washington, DC liaison office of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) and the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK). RGIT is supported by Germany's Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology under the auspices of the Ministry's federal trade promotion agenda. RGIT's President is Thomas Zielke, who has served in this capacity since January, 2011.

RGIT fosters German-American economic and trade relations and represents the interests of the German business community in the United States. Moreover, RGIT conveys German industry's concerns and positions to the US Administration and Congress, doing so as the designated representative of Germany's leading industry associations. As such, RGIT works under an official mandate, issued by authorized representatives of the business community in Germany, to formulate political positions and to identify matters of concern to German industry and as warranted, to interact with US-based business enterprises, industry associations, and think tanks. RGIT cooperates closely with the German American Chambers of Commerce (GACCs, collectively operating as AHK USA).

Our Mission

- We represent positions and concerns of the German businesses before the US Administration and Congress as well as in judicial proceedings
- We report regularly to our principals, the BDI and the DIHK, as well as their respective members on political and economic developments and on legislative activities in the US
- We provide information and advisory services regarding current political and economic developments, in collaboration with the German American Chambers of Commerce
- We furnish our American partners with information about German business
- We represent the positions of the German business community before international organizations such as the World Bank and IMF
- We cooperate with American, European and other national business associations, the EU Delegation and the German Embassy in Washington, DC

Our Goals

Trade Policy: Fostering free trade between Germany and the United States to ease market access

- Eliminating trade barriers
- Improving the transatlantic economic integration
- Reducing burdensome import and export regulations

Economic and Location Policy: maintaining a stable business environment for German companies in the US

- Modernizing the American infrastructure
- Providing vocational education based on business needs
- Advocating for equal treatment of foreign and American investors

Business Law: Improving the legal framework for German companies in the US

- Maintaining the prevailing regulations for intellectual property
- Adjusting and simplifying standardization rules
- Advocating for non-discriminatory liability law

