

Introduction

In April 2006 the Ministry of Commerce, Science & Technology (MCST) was reorganized and the industry portfolio added to the portfolio responsibility of the Minister. This led to a change in the name of the Ministry to the Ministry of Industry, Technology, Energy and Commerce (MITEC).

The responsibility of MITEC can be classified into the following general areas:

- Industry and commerce-related matters
- Energy-related matters
- Telecommunications and information technology
- Science and technology
- Other

Subject Areas Assigned

The following are the subject areas of MITEC:

1. Agro Business
2. Building Inspection
3. Commercial Business
4. Commodity Supplies
5. Companies Act
6. Consumer Affairs
7. Co-operatives and Friendly Societies
8. Copyright Act
9. Design Act
10. Development of Energy Resources
11. Distributive Trade
12. Energy Policy
13. Factory Construction
14. Fair Competition Act
15. Food Storage and Infestation
16. Free Zone Development
17. Gas and Oil Exploration
18. Hire Purchase
19. Import and Export Licensing
20. Intellectual Property
21. Industrial Apprenticeship
22. Industrial Development
23. Light and Power
24. Marketing and Advertising
25. Manufacturing
26. Merchandise Marks

27. Metrification
28. Patents
29. Petroleum Refinery, Haulage, Storage and Distribution
30. Registration of Business Names Act
31. Rural Electrification
32. Self Start Fund
33. Science and Technology
34. Small Business Development
35. Standards
36. Telecommunications
37. The Trade Act
38. The Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act
39. Trade Marks
40. Weights and Measures

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Ministry is to facilitate security of energy at least cost; develop competitiveness by facilitating and stimulating: domestic and internal commerce; cutting edge technology and communications; fair competition and trade; consumer awareness and protection; scientific research and application of the results to increase economic activity. (A new mission statement is to be developed in light of the expanded portfolio.)

Vision

The Vision of the Ministry is that Jamaica will attain international competitiveness in industry and commerce while protecting consumers and businesses, rational energy use and productivity facilitated by appropriate science and technology.

Mandate of Ministry:

Based on the subject areas assigned, the mandate of the Ministry is to:

- Promote and facilitate the development of the industry and small business sectors
- Facilitate the export and import of goods and services
- Implement Jamaica's trade remedy laws in a fair, transparent and expeditious manner
- Provide an efficient service for the regulation and registration of businesses, cooperatives and friendly societies
- Promote fair competition and encourage ethical business practices
- Promote product reliability through establishment and monitoring of standards
- Ensure the wholesomeness of products entering commerce
- Promote energy conservation and efficiency
- Promote renewable energy sources and industrial (petroleum) safety

- Refine products from crude oil and supply imported finished products to the local and export markets
- Provide inspection service for electricity installations island-wide to enable safety
- Expand electricity services to rural areas and regularize urban electrification
- Contribute to Jamaica's readiness for the networked world in the public and private sectors, and civil society, in order to increase competitiveness, diversify exports and expand productive employment
- Facilitate and enable cost-effective telecommunications and use of information and communications technology to facilitate the development of an educated and knowledge-based society
- Protect Intellectual Property Rights (IPR's)
- Protect the rights of consumers
- Manage the use of the Radio magnetic Spectrum in an efficient manner
- Provide efficient and cost-effective postal (and related) services

Functions of Ministry

The key functions of the Ministry are:

- (a) Performs an overall oversight role of the portfolio
- (b) Provides policy framework to guide operations of agencies
- (c) Pilots the promulgation and amendments of legislation and regulation which guide the operations of the agencies
- (d) Provides strategic direction to agencies on a particular subject matter as may be necessary
- (e) Forms new agencies as required to address aspects of the portfolio and close agencies no longer required
- (f) Sets priorities and allocates financial resources to agencies accordingly
- (g) Monitors performance of agencies
- (h) Resolves difficult issues relating to the subject areas and agencies

Organizational Structure

The Ministry discharges its mandate through its eight (8) internal divisions, two (2) semi-autonomous divisions, two (2) departments and twenty-three (23) portfolio agencies/entities.

Organogram of Ministry

Figure 1 shows the organogram of the Ministry.

Fig. 1: Organogram of Ministry

