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Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission 2025 Annual Report

Section 42 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024 ("Authorizing Statute") established the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission ("Commission") within the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment ("MOITI").

Pursuant to Section 13V of Chapter 23A of the General Laws, as inserted by the Authorizing Statute, the Commission's mission is to "evaluate the economic interests of, and review ways to strengthen the relationship between, the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland. The Commission shall study, research, analyze and make recommendations related to: (i) bilateral trade and investments between the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (ii) policy issues of interest to the commonwealth; (iii) business and academic exchanges between the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (iv) mutual economic support; (v) investments in the infrastructure of the commonwealth and Republic of Ireland; (vi) the creation of economic and educational opportunities for aid to communities in the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; and (vii) other related issues as the commission deems necessary." *See Appendix A.1 for full authorizing language.*

The Commission is required by the Authorizing Statute to annually submit a report that describes its findings, together with recommendations for any legislation, to the Governor, the Clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

The Commission consists of 15 members including legislators, gubernatorial appointees, and representation from the Executive Office of Economic Development. *See Appendix A.2 for full Commission membership.*

Activities Taken to Support the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission:

Research:

- MOITI conducted research and discovered that Ireland was Massachusetts' 6th largest trading partner with over $3.3 billion worth of goods exchanged in 2024.
    - In 2024, top export products from Massachusetts to Ireland included: (i) pharmaceutical products; (ii) medical/surgical equipment; and (iii) industrial machinery – totaling over $889 million.
    - In 2024, top import products from Ireland to Massachusetts included: (i) medical/surgical equipment; (ii) industrial machinery; and (iii) special classification provisions – totaling over $2.4 billion.

See Appendix B: Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Relationship

Inaugural Meeting of the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission:



- June 2025 -- MOITI Executive Director Jeevan Ramapriya chaired the Inaugural Meeting of the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission. After introductory remarks by Commission Members, invited dignitaries, including Consul General of Ireland to New England Síghle Fitzgerald, The Honorable Neale Richmond, Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and former U.S Ambassador to Ireland Claire

Cronin shared their perspectives on the deep cultural, diplomatic, and commercial ties between Massachusetts and Ireland.

- Representative John Lawn highlighted the growth of the Massachusetts Irish Legislative Caucus and its international collaborations, while UMass President Marty Meehan underscored academic partnerships with Irish universities and workforce development initiatives, particularly in MEDtech.
- Irish Minister Neale Richmond and former U.S. Ambassador Claire Cronin, reaffirmed the importance of fair trade, Ireland's economic evolution, and the strength of Ireland-Massachusetts ties, noting that Ireland is Massachusetts' sixth-largest trading partner.
- Key takeaways centered on expanding trade in pharmaceuticals and technology, strengthening cultural exchanges, and advancing education and workforce development initiatives.

Diplomatic Engagement:

- March 2025 -- Governor Healey, former Undersecretary Sarah Stanton, and MOITI Executive Director Ramapriya met with the Minister of Enterprise and Trade, The Hon. Peter Burke, and Irish Consul General to New England Sighle FitzGerald, to discuss historic ties between the Commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland, both cultural and economic. Also discussed were upcoming events such as the Massachusetts Irish-Trade Commission Inaugural meeting in June alongside the 250th Celebration of the American Revolution.



International Business Development:

- February 2025 --- MOITI met with Protex.AI, a Dublin-based artificial intelligence company specializing in leveraging AI for workplace security. Protex.AI established their US Headquarters in Boston, MA.

- June 2025 --- MOITI met with EclimAI, an Irish AI-driven energy efficiency company focused primarily on applications in cleantech. Their systems are designed to reduce waste and support global sustainability.

- July 2025 --- MOITI Executive Director Ramapriya meet with Professor William Scanlon, CEO of the Cork-based Tyndall National Institute at a luncheon hosted by UMass Lowell's Chancellor Julie Chen and the Senior Executive Director of the Rist Institute for Sustainability and Energy and a Commissioner of the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission, Ruairi O'Mahony.



Appendix A.1: Agenda for the Inaugural Meeting and Enabling Statue for the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission



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Massachusetts - Ireland Trade Commission

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 3pm to 5pm

UMass Club - 1 Beacon Street, Floor 32 - Presidential Parlor - Boston, MA 02108

AGENDA

- **Call to Order** (2 min) ○ Jeevan Ramapriya, Executive Director, Mass. Office of International Trade and Investment (MOITI) ○ See Appendix 1 for the Enabling Statute for the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission

- **Swearing-in of Gubernatorial Appointed Commission Members** (3 min) ○ Administered by the Governors' Office of Boards and Commissions ○ See Appendix 2 for the full list of Commission Members

- **Welcome Remarks** (3 min each) ○ MOITI Executive Director Jeevan Ramapriya
  ○ Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown), Co-Chair of the Irish Caucus and bill sponsor ○ President of the University of Massachusetts System, The Hon. Martin T. Meehan

- **Introductions by Commission Members** (1 min. each)

- **Statements by Invited Dignitaries** (10 min each) ○ Síghle FitzGerald, Consul General of Ireland to New England
  ○ The Hon. Neale Richmond, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade ○ Former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, The Hon. Claire D. Cronin

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- **Closing Remarks** (2 min) ○ MOITI Executive Director Jeevan Ramapriya

- **Adjourn Meeting & Group Pictures**

Appendix 1:

ENABLING STATUTE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION

Ch. 140, Section 42 of the Acts of 2024

Section 42 Massachusetts Ireland Trade Commission

Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13U the following section:-

Section 13V. (a) There shall be a commission, within the international trade office, on Massachusetts-Ireland trade which shall evaluate the economic interests of, and review ways to strengthen the relationship between, the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland. The commission shall study, research, analyze and make recommendations related to: (i) bilateral trade and investments between the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (ii) policy issues of interest to the commonwealth; (iii) business and academic exchanges between the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (iv) mutual economic support; (v) investments in the infrastructure of the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; (vi) the creation of economic and educational opportunities for aid to communities in the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland; and (vii) other related issues as the commission deems necessary.

(b)(1) The commission shall consist of the following 15 members: 3 past or current members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 3 past or current members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the state secretary or a designee; the secretary of economic development or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts office of international trade and investment; and 6 members appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall be from institutions of higher education in the

commonwealth and 3 of whom shall be members of public organizations in the commonwealth promoting Irish American affairs. All commission members shall be persons with knowledge of, or current or past experience related to, Irish American affairs. Annually, the commission shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer and any other officers it deems necessary.

(2) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(c) The commission shall hold meetings at places it designates throughout the commonwealth, including diverse geographic locations.

(d) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the commission.

(e) Annually, not later than August 31, the commission shall submit a report of its findings, together with recommendations for any legislation, to the governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies.

Appendix A.2: Appointees to the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission

APPENDIX 2:

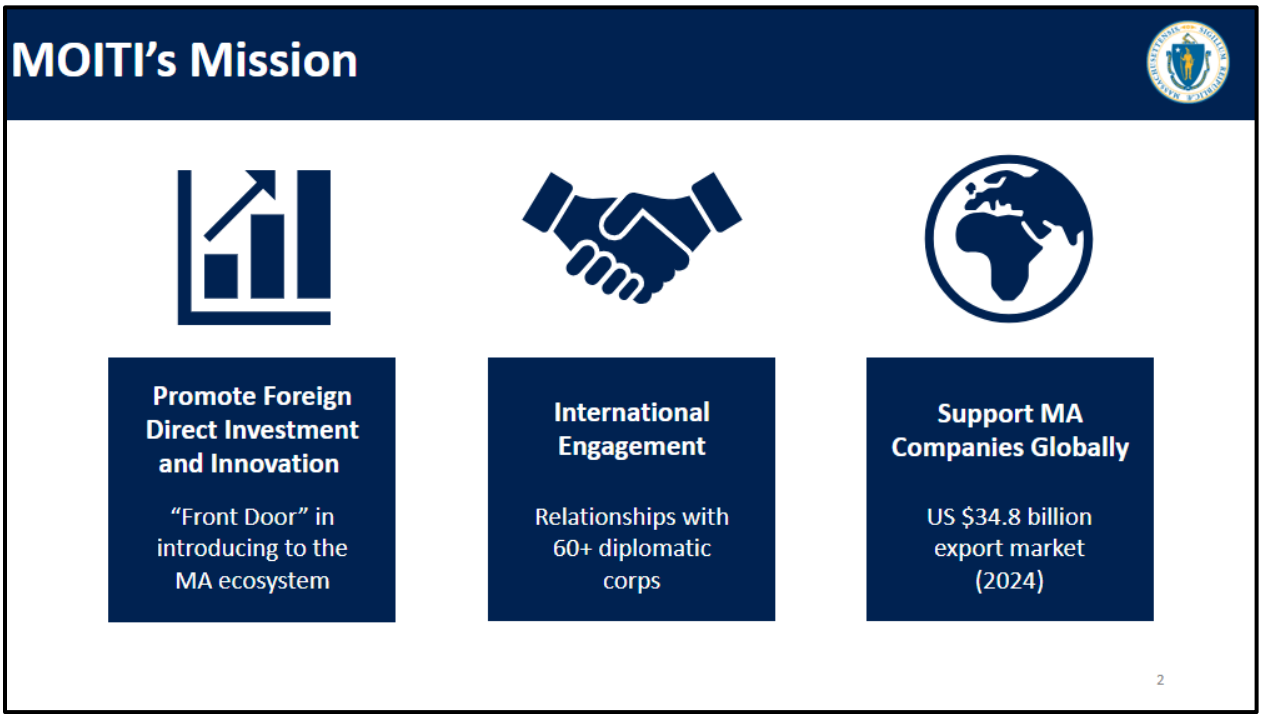
APPOINTEES TO THE MASSACHUSETTS-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION

#	Appointing Authority	Name	Affiliation
1	Statute	Jeevan Ramapriya	Exec. Director of MOITI
2	Statute	TBD	Designee of the Secretary of Economic Development
3	Governor	Marty Meehan	President of UMass
4	Governor	Ruairi O'Mahoney	UMass Lowell
5	Governor	Tom O'Neil	O'Neill and Assoc.
6	Governor	Donald Gillis	Boston University
7	Governor	Ian Delahanty	Springfield College
8	Governor	Maureen Pace	WTC-Ireland
9	House Speaker	Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown)	House of Representatives
10	House Speaker	Steve Walsh	President and CEO of the Mass. Health and Hospital Assoc., Former State Rep. from Lynn
11	House Minority Leader	Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury)	House of Representatives
12	Senate President	Sen. Robyn Kennedy (D-Worcester)	State Senate
13	Senate President	Sen. Nick Collins (D-South Boston)	State Senate
14	Senate Minority Leader	Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth)	State Senate
15	Secretary of State	Robert Lawrence	Albert L. Williams, Professor of International Trade and Investment, Harvard Kennedy School

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Appendix B: Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Relationship





Massachusetts Trade: Overview

1,200+
International companies operating in MA

236,000+
Jobs supported by international companies

Top Trading Partners (2024)

RANK	COUNTRY	TOTAL TRADE (USD $ Billions)
1	Canada	13.6
2	Mexico	8.8
3	China	7.3
4	United Kingdom	5.0
5	Germany	4.8
6	**Ireland**	**3.4**
7	Japan	3.3
8	Switzerland	2.8
9	Netherlands	2.7
10	Singapore	2.3

Massachusetts Totals

Exported: $34.8 B | Imported: $43.4 B

Top Export Countries:
1. CHN $3.876B
2. MEX $3.542B
3. CAN $2.972B
4. GBR $2.970B
5. NLD $2.214B

Top Export Products:
1. Industrial Machinery
2. Medical/Surgical Instruments
3. Pharmaceutical Products
4. Electric Machinery
5. Plastics

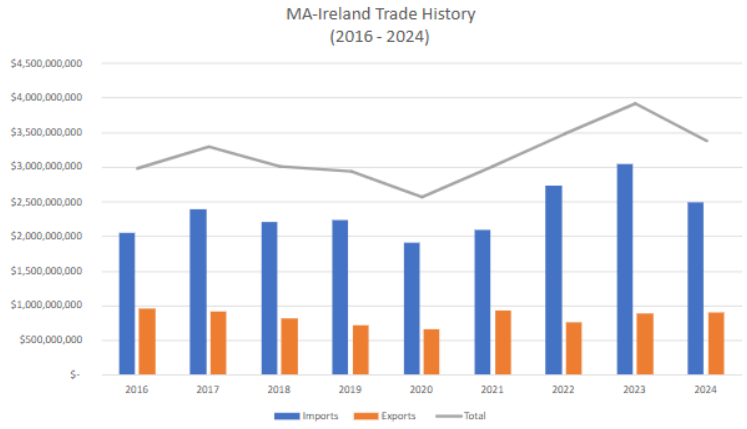
Top Import Countries:
1. CAN $10.60B
2. MEX $5.274B
3. CHN $3.421B
4. DEU $2.663B
5. IRL $2.491B

Top Import Products:
1. Medical/Surgical Instruments
2. Electric Machinery
3. Mineral Fuel
4. Industrial Machinery
5. Fish, Crustaceans & Aquatic Invertebrate

Sources: Global Business Alliance, Wisertrade

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Massachusetts Trade Data w/Ireland



- Trade between Massachusetts and Ireland remains above pre-pandemic levels.
- YoY between 2016 – 2024 averaged +2.30%

Massachusetts / Ireland

Exported: $893.3M (Ranked 14th)
Imported: $2.5B (Ranked 5th)
Total Trade: $3.4B (Ranked 6th)

Top Export Products:

1. Pharmaceutical Products
2. Industrial Machinery
3. Medical Devices

Top Import Products:

1. Medical Devices;
2. Industrial Machinery
3. Pharmaceutical Products

Source: Wisertrade

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