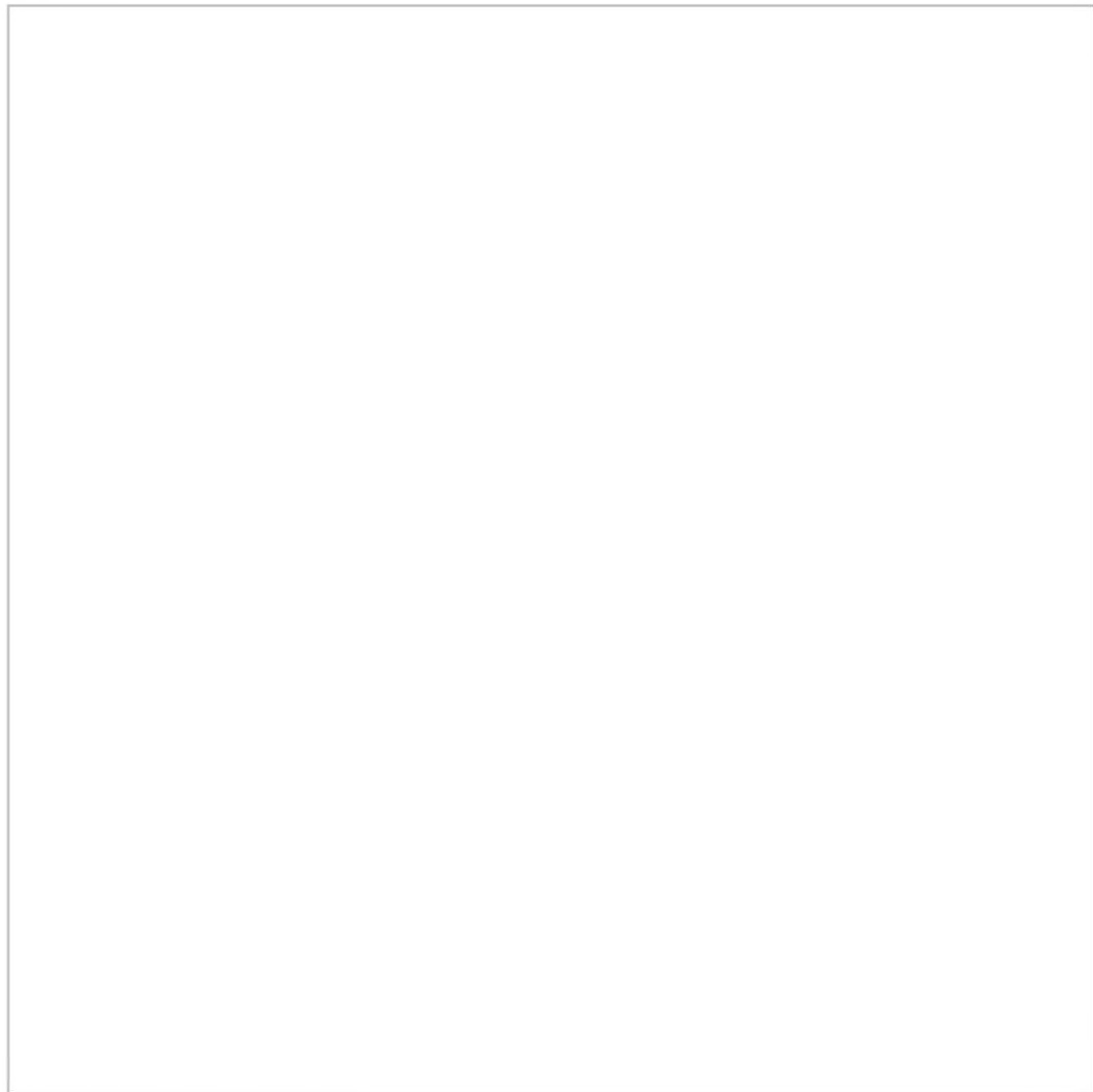


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Dear DGIC Friends,

This past month, we welcomed 100+ guests to our office to discuss U.S. policy developments, the strength of German-American partnership, and the upcoming U.S. elections. In partnership with the German Embassy, we held an event focusing on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill as it has reached its halfway mark. We are thrilled for more upcoming events in the U.S. and Germany. Read on to find out more!

This month's Delegation Debrief features news on recent U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods, President Biden's announcement of World Trade Week, autonomous driving, and more.

Focus on Greater Washington

Tackling Pollution with Innovative Foodware

Terravive, a Henrico-based manufacturer, is on a mission to combat global plastic pollution through innovative, American-made compostable foodware. Their extensive product line, now featuring sandwich wraps, carryout bags, fiber bowls, and three-compartment plates, addresses customer needs with environmentally friendly, nontoxic solutions.

[Read more from Washington Business Journal](#)

[Learn more about Terravive](#)

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Economic Policy Highlights



Increased U.S. Tariffs on Chinese Goods

The USA has announced new protective tariffs on various goods from China. Electric vehicles will face a 100 percent tariff, while a 25 percent tariff will be imposed on batteries, face masks, medical gloves, graphite, permanent magnets, semiconductors, harbor cranes, solar cells, steel and aluminum products, syringes, and needles.

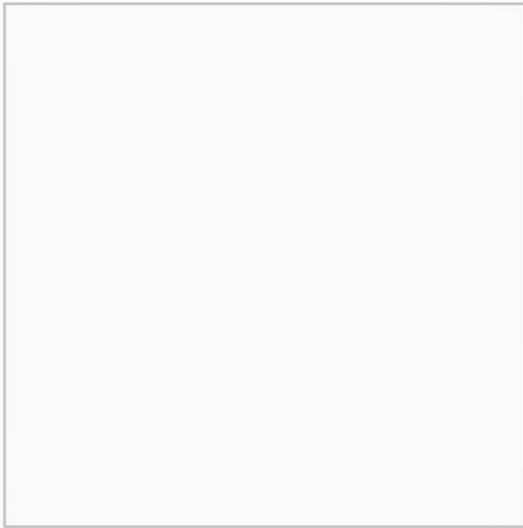
[Read more from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.](#)

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Biden Announces World Trade Week

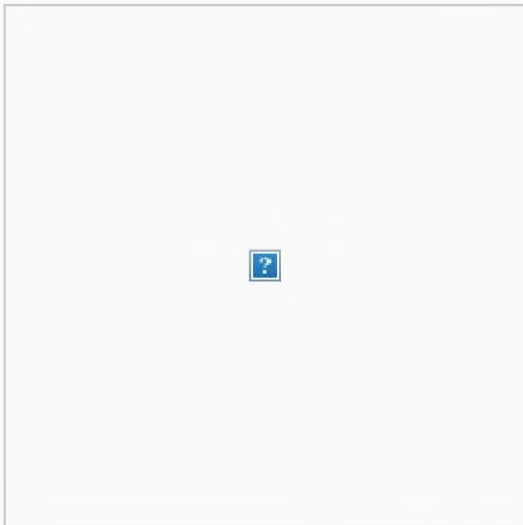
President Joe Biden [announced May 19-24 as World Trade Week](#) and offered some words on the commitment to ensure global trade aligns with America's core values: fairness, transparency, innovation, dignity, and opportunity for American workers, businesses, and families. In his address, he noted that, since taking office, over 15 million jobs have been created, including nearly 800,000 manufacturing jobs.

[Read more from the White House Briefing](#)



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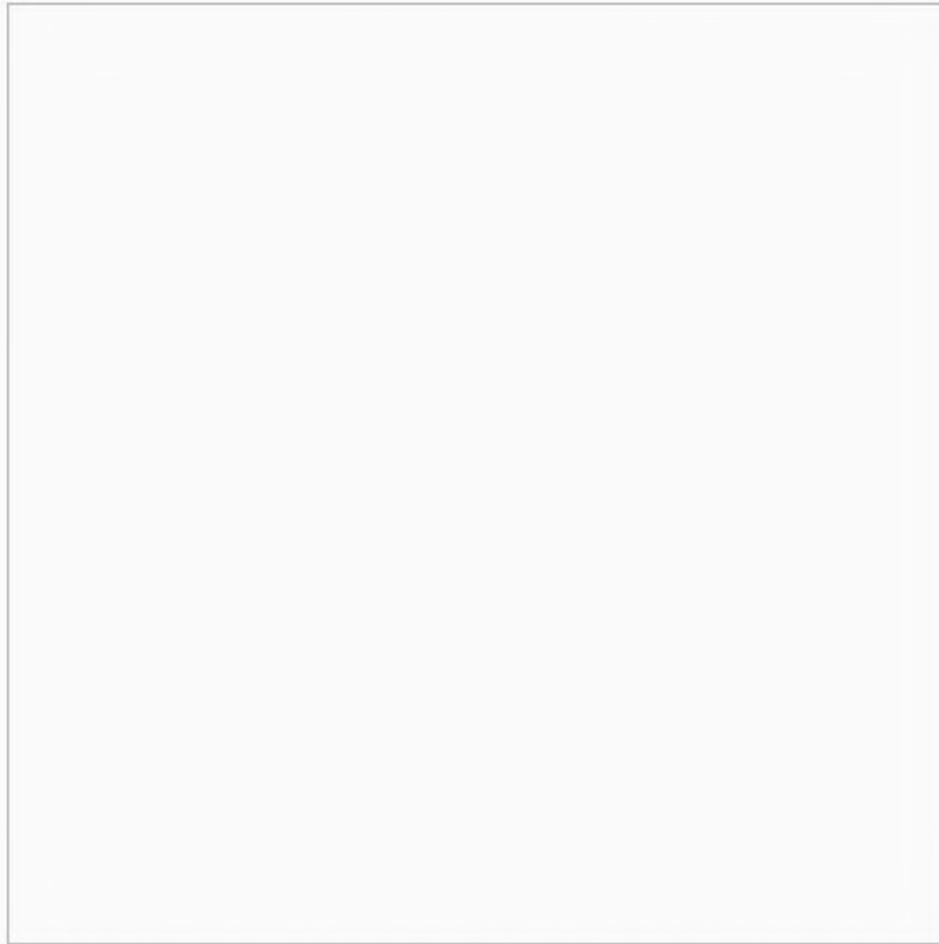
Progress and Questions about Autonomous Vehicles

Fully autonomous cars are advancing, but their future remains uncertain. In cities like San Francisco and Phoenix, visitors are amazed by robotaxis navigating without human drivers. Despite this, the industry lacks widespread enthusiasm, with ongoing debates in Silicon Valley about the viability of autonomous driving.

[Read more from our partner Germany Trade & Invest \(in German\).](#)

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Looking Ahead...



June 6 | German-American Business Forum (DAWT) | Hannover, Germany

The 9th German-American Business Forum (DAWT), organized by the German-American Chambers of Commerce (GACC), brings together German companies interested in expanding to the U.S.

For many small and medium-sized companies, entering the U.S. market involves a number of hurdles. Join this year's DAWT in Hannover, Germany to hear advice, discussions, and engage in workshops on successful business expansion in the United States.

During the German-American Business Forum, representatives of German companies that have already successfully entered the U.S. market share their experiences and answer practical questions in panel discussions and Q&A sessions. In addition, our AHK USA experts offer valuable market insights and consulting.

[Learn more and become involved in DAWT.](#)



June 24 | The German Reception at SelectUSA | National Harbor Maryland

Propel your company's global success with U.S. market access. Join us on June 24 at SelectUSA, the annual summit put on by the Department of Commerce to position the United States as a top investment location.

The United States boasts an impressive annual GDP of \$20 trillion, making it a premier consumer market location and home to a diverse and innovative workforce. Companies of all backgrounds have a place in the United States and can discover the inspiration, support, and expansive market opportunities necessary to thrive and expand.

Enhance your company with premium brand recognition at our exclusive German reception when you [enroll in our Business Partnership Program SelectUSA package.](#)

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Halfway down the Road: It's Halftime for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA) - How the U.S. and Germany benefit from each other

Last week, we hosted over 80 guests from business, industry, government, and more to discuss the status of the IIJA and its impact on the transatlantic marketplace.

The event began with welcome words from Joachim Eichhorn, Transportation Counsellor at the German Embassy, followed by remarks from Ryan Costello (R-PA, 2015-2019). The two touched on the importance of transatlantic cooperation when it comes to infrastructure development, leading to economic growth, job creation, leveraging expertise, and more.

The event went on with a panel discussion moderated by DGIC President & CEO, Christoph Schemionek, and featured panelists Florian Müller (Member of the German Parliament), Samantha Silverberg (Deputy Assistant to the President for Infrastructure, White House), Joung Lee (Deputy Director and Chief Policy Officer, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)), Abby Campbell Singer (Head of Climate and Infrastructure Policy at Siemens USA), and Jeff Davis (Senior Fellow, Eno Center for Transportation).

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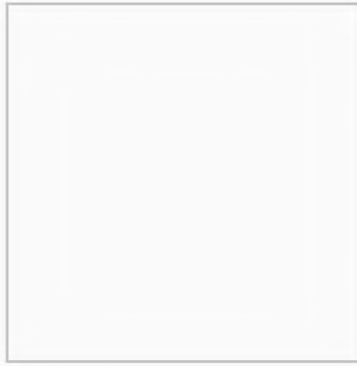
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