

announced a deadline of September 15, 2003 for the filing of petitions (68 FR 48657). Several of these petitions requested the review of certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries regarding compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in sections 203(c) and (d) and section 204(b)(6)(B) of the ATPA as amended (19 U.S.C. 3203 (c) and (d); 19 U.S.C. 3203(b)(6)(B))

Pursuant to 15 CFR 2016.1(a), this notice provides a list of the responsive petitions filed pursuant to the announcement of the annual review. Petitions not responsive to the September 2003 notice will not be considered in this review. The list of petitions sets forth the petitioner, country, and subject matter of the practice in question for each petition. The results of the preliminary review of

these petitions will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date. Subsequently, any modifications to the list of beneficiary developing countries or eligible articles resulting from this review will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE ACT (ATPA), STATUS OF COUNTRY PRACTICE PETITIONS AND ONGOING REVIEWS

Petitioner	Country	Matter
AFL-CIO	Ecuador	Worker Rights.
Big 3 Marine	Peru	Expropriation.
Duke Energy	Ecuador	Contract Nullification.
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Engelhard	Peru	Tax Issues.
Human Rights Watch	Ecuador	Worker Rights.
LeTourneau	Peru	Expropriation.
Nortel Networks	Colombia	Contract Nullification.
PhRMA	Ecuador	Intellectual Property Rights.
PhRMA	Peru	Intellectual Property Rights.
Princeton Dover	Peru	Tax Issues.
US/LEAP	Ecuador	Worker Rights

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

North American Free Trade Agreement; Invitation for Applications for Inclusion on the Chapter 19 Roster

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Invitation for applications.

SUMMARY: Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") provides for the establishment of a roster of individuals to serve on binational panels convened to review final determinations in antidumping or countervailing duty ("AD/CVD") proceedings and amendments to AD/CVD statutes of a NAFTA Party. The United States annually renews its selections for the Chapter 19 roster. Applications are invited from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

DATES: Applications should be received no later than December 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0403@ustr.gov, Attn: "Chapter 19 Roster Applications" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax to Sandy McKinzy at 202-395-3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stanford K. McCoy, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-3581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Binational Panel Reviews Under NAFTA Chapter 19

Article 1904 of the NAFTA provides that a party involved in an AD/CVD proceeding may obtain review by a binational panel of a final AD/CVD determination of one NAFTA Party with respect to the products of another NAFTA Party. Binational panels decide whether such AD/CVD determinations are in accordance with the domestic laws of the importing NAFTA Party, and must use the standard of review that would have been applied by a domestic court of the importing NAFTA Party. A panel may uphold the AD/CVD determination, or may remand it to the national administering authority for action not inconsistent with the panel's decision. Panel decisions may be reviewed in specific circumstances by a three-member extraordinary challenge committee, selected from a separate roster composed of fifteen current or former judges.

Article 1903 of the NAFTA provides that a NAFTA Party may refer an amendment to the AD/CVD statutes of another NAFTA Party to a binational panel for a declaratory opinion as to whether the amendment is inconsistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ("GATT"), the GATT Antidumping or Subsidies Codes,

successor agreements, or the object and purpose of the NAFTA with regard to the establishment of fair and predictable conditions for the liberalization of trade. If the panel finds that the amendment is inconsistent, the two NAFTA Parties shall consult and seek to achieve a mutually satisfactory solution.

Chapter 19 Roster and Composition of Binational Panels

Annex 1901.2 of the NAFTA provides for the maintenance of a roster of at least 75 individuals for service on Chapter 19 binational panels, with each NAFTA Party selecting at least 25 individuals. A separate five-person panel is formed for each review of a final AD/CVD determination or statutory amendment. To form a panel, the two NAFTA Parties involved each appoint two panelists, normally by drawing upon individuals from the roster. If the Parties cannot agree upon the fifth panelist, one of the parties, decided by lot, selects the fifth panelist from the roster. The majority of individuals on each panel must consist of lawyers in good standing, and the chair of the panel must be a lawyer.

Upon each request for establishment of a panel, roster members from the two involved NAFTA Parties will be requested to complete a disclosure form, which will be used to identify possible conflicts of interest or appearances thereof. The disclosure form requests information regarding financial interests and affiliations, including information regarding the identity of clients of the

roster member and, if applicable, clients of the roster member's firm.

Criteria for Eligibility for Inclusion on Chapter 19 Roster

Section 402 of the NAFTA Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182, as amended (19 U.S.C. 3432)) ("Section 402") provides that selections by the United States of individuals for inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster are to be based on the eligibility criteria set out in Annex 1901.2 of the NAFTA, and without regard to political affiliation. Annex 1901.2 provides that Chapter 19 roster members must be citizens of a NAFTA Party, must be of good character and of high standing and repute, and are to be chosen strictly on the basis of their objectivity, reliability, sound judgment, and general familiarity with international trade law. Aside from judges, roster members may not be affiliated with any of the three NAFTA Parties. Section 402 also provides that, to the fullest extent practicable, judges and former judges who meet the eligibility requirements should be selected.

Procedures for Selection of Chapter 19 Roster Members

Section 402 establishes procedures for the selection by the Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") of the individuals chosen by the United States for inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster. The roster is renewed annually, and applies during the one-year period beginning April 1 of each calendar year.

Under Section 402, an interagency committee chaired by USTR prepares a preliminary list of candidates eligible for inclusion on the Chapter 19 Roster. After consultation with the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means, USTR selects the final list of individuals chosen by the United States for inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster.

Remuneration

Roster members selected for service on a Chapter 19 binational panel will be remunerated at the rate of 800 Canadian dollars per day.

Applications

Eligible individuals who wish to be included on the Chapter 19 roster for the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 are invited to submit applications. Persons submitting applications may either send one copy by fax to Sandy McKinzy at 202-395-3640, or transmit a copy electronically to FR0403@ustr.gov, with "Chapter 19 Roster Applications" in the subject line. USTR encourages the submission of documents in Adobe PDF format, as

attachments to an electronic mail. Interested persons who made submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Applications must be typewritten, and should be headed "Application for Inclusion on NAFTA Chapter 19 Roster." Applications should include the following information, and each section of the application should be numbered as indicated:

1. Name of the applicant.
2. Business address, telephone number, fax number, and email address.
3. Citizenship(s).
4. Current employment, including title, description of responsibility, and name and address of employer.
5. Relevant education and professional training.
6. Spanish language fluency, written and spoken.
7. Post-education employment history, including the dates and addresses of each prior position and a summary of responsibilities.
8. Relevant professional affiliations and certifications, including, if any, current bar memberships in good standing.
9. A list and copies of publications, testimony, and speeches, if any, concerning AD/CVD law. Judges or former judges should list relevant judicial decisions. Only one copy of publications, testimony, speeches, and decisions need be submitted.
10. Summary of any current and past employment by, or consulting or other work for, the United States, Canadian, or Mexican Governments.

11. The names and nationalities of all foreign principals for whom the applicant is currently or has previously been registered pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act, 22 U.S.C. 611 *et seq.*, and the dates of all registration periods.

12. List of proceedings brought under U.S., Canadian, or Mexican AD/CVD law regarding imports of U.S., Canadian, or Mexican products in which the applicant advised or represented (for example, as consultant or attorney) any U.S., Canadian, or Mexican party to such proceeding and, for each such proceeding listed, the name and country of incorporation of such party.

13. A short statement of qualifications and availability for service on Chapter 19 panels, including information relevant to the applicant's familiarity

with international trade law and willingness and ability to make time commitments necessary for service on panels.

14. On a separate page, the names, addresses, telephone, and fax number of three individuals willing to provide information concerning the applicant's qualifications for service, including the applicant's character, reputation, reliability, judgment, and familiarity with international trade law.

Current Roster Members and Prior Applicants

Current members of the Chapter 19 roster who remain interested in inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster must submit updated applications. Individuals who have previously applied but have not been selected may reapply. If an applicant, including a current or former roster member, has previously submitted materials referred to in item 9, such materials need not be resubmitted.

Public Disclosure

Applications normally will be subject to public disclosure. An applicant who wishes to exempt information from public disclosure should follow the procedures set forth in 15 CFR 2003.6.

False Statements

Pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, false statements by applicants regarding their personal or professional qualifications, or financial or other relevant interests that bear on the applicants' suitability for placement on the Chapter 19 roster or for appointment to binational panels, are subject to criminal sanctions under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice contains a collection of information provision subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA") that has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB number. This notice's collection of information burden is only for those persons who wish voluntarily to apply for nomination to the NAFTA Chapter 19 roster. It is expected that the collection of information burden will be under 3 hours. This collection of information contains no annual reporting or recordkeeping burden. This collection

of information was approved by OMB under Control Number 0350-0009. Please send comments regarding the collection of information burden or any other aspect of the information collection to USTR at the above e-mail address or fax number.

Privacy Act

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a). The authority for request information to be furnished is section 402 of the NAFTA Implementation Act. Provision of the information requested above is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information will preclude your consideration as a candidate for the NAFTA Chapter 19 roster. This information is maintained in a system of records entitled "Dispute Settlement Panelists Roster." Notice regarding this system of records was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2001. The information provided is needed, and will be used by USTR, other federal government trade policy officials concerned with NAFTA dispute settlement, and officials of the other NAFTA Parties to select well-qualified individuals for inclusion of the Chapter 19 roster and for service on Chapter 19 binational panels.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Thorn Creek to Moscow, ID

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Latah County, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell L. Jorgenson, Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 3050 Lakeharbor Lane, Suite 126, Boise, Idaho 83703, telephone: (208) 334-9180; or Zachary Funkhouser, Senior Environmental Planner, Idaho Transportation Department, P.O. Box 837, Lewiston, ID 83501, telephone (208) 799-5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Highway Administration, in

cooperation with the Idaho Transportation Department, will prepare an EIS on a proposal to improve U.S. Highway 95 south of Moscow, Idaho. The proposed highway alternatives vary in length from 6.1 to 7.4 miles in length and will provide four travel lanes. The termini for the project are from the intersection at Thorn Creek Road on the southern end to the South Fork Palouse River Bridge on the north end.

This improvement is considered necessary to relieve current and projected traffic congestion on U.S. Highway 95 and to address high accident locations. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, (2) updating and improving the existing alignment, (3) alternatives east of existing U.S. 95, and (4) alternatives west of existing U.S. 95.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to the appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this proposed project. Scoping will begin with the publication of the Notice of Intent. As part of the scoping process, public information meetings will be held in addition to public hearings. Public notice will be given of the time and place of any public information meetings and the public hearings. The draft EIS will be made available in electronic format for public and agency review and comment.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties.

Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or ITD at the addresses provided above.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123; 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-03-16456 (PDA-30(R))]

Houston, Texas Requirements on Storage of Hazardous Materials During Transportation

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Public notice and invitation to comment.

SUMMARY: Interested parties are invited to submit comments on an application by Société Air France for an administrative determination whether Federal hazardous material transportation law preempts requirements of the City of Houston, Texas, relating to the interim storage of hazardous materials during transportation.

DATES: Comments received on or before December 29, 2003, and rebuttal comments received on or before February 11, 2004, will be considered before an administrative determination is issued by RSPA's Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety. Rebuttal comments may discuss only those issues raised by comments received during the initial comment period and may not discuss new issues.

ADDRESSES: The application and all comments received may be reviewed in the Dockets Office, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The application and all comments are also available on-line through the home page of DOT's Docket Management System, at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Comments must refer to Docket No. RSPA-03-16456 and may be submitted to the docket either in writing or electronically. Send three copies of each written comment to the Dockets Office at the above address. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. To submit comments electronically, log onto the Docket Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov>, and click on "Help" to obtain instructions. You may also sign up on DOT's DMS "List Serve" on this website. This service will automatically notify you when certain documents are put into a docket that is of interest to you.

A copy of each comment must also be sent to (1) Michael F. Goldman, Esq., Silverberg, Goldman & Bikoff, L.L.P., 1103 30th Street, NW., Suite 120, Washington, DC 20007, counsel for Société Air France, and (2) Randy Rivin, Esq., Legal Department, City of Houston, P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1652. A certification that a copy has been sent to these persons must also be included with the comment. (The following format is suggested: "I certify that copies of this comment have been sent to Messrs. Goldman and Rivin at the addresses specified in the **Federal Register**.")