

*Average Burden Per Response:* 25 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 147,917 hours.

3. Public Law 105-306, Noncitizen Benefit Clarification and Other Technical Amendments Act of 1998 provided that nonqualified aliens who were receiving SSI on August 22, 1996 would remain eligible for SSI as long as all other requirements for eligibility were met (e.g., income and resources, etc.). Section 416.1618 of the Code of Federal Regulations require nonqualified aliens to give SSA certain evidence which proves that they are lawfully admitted to the United States, in order to qualify for SSI benefits. Aliens who are alleging Permanent Residence Under Color Of Law (PRUCOL) must present evidence of their status at the time of application for SSI benefits and periodically thereafter. The respondents are nonqualified aliens who apply for or receive SSI benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 9,000.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 750 hours.

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Dated: November 3, 1999.

**Frederick W. Brickenkamp,**

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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, 2000 through March 31, 2001.

**DATES:** Applications should be received no later than December 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be sent to Ms. Leah Mayo, Attn: Chapter 19 Roster Applications, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

With regard to the form of the application, Ms. Leah Mayo, (202) 395-3432; with regard to eligibility requirements, David J. Ross, Assistant General Counsel, (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 United States Trade Representative 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 the United States Trade Representative 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, the United States Trade Representative 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 400 Canadian dollars per day.

#### Applications

Eligible individuals who wish to be included on the Chapter 19 roster for the period April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001 are invited to submit applications. Applicants should submit an original application and 1 copy. 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 address 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 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 familiarity with international trade laws, character, reputation, reliability, and judgment.

#### Current Roster Members and Prior Applicants

Current members of the Chapter 19 roster who remain interested in inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster are requested to 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 record keeping burden. This collection of information was approved by OMB under OMB 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 address above.

#### 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 requesting 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. 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 on the Chapter 19 roster and for service on Chapter 19 binational panels.

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General Counsel.

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#### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

#### 1999-2000 Allocation of the Raw Cane Sugar Tariff-rate Quota

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of the country-by-country allocation of the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for imported raw cane sugar for the period beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 1999. Notice of the