

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.
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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.

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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