

Probable Effect of Certain Modifications to the North American Free Trade Agreement Rules of Origin.

Background: According to the USTR's letter, U.S. negotiators have recently reached agreement in principle with representatives of the governments of Canada and Mexico on proposed modifications to Annexes 401 and 403 of the NAFTA. Chapter 4 and Annexes 401 and 403 of the NAFTA set forth in the rules of origin for applying the tariff provisions of the NAFTA to trade in goods. Section 202(q) of the NAFTA Implementation Act (the Act) authorizes the President, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 103 of the Act, to proclaim such modifications to the rules as may from time to time be agreed to by the NAFTA countries. One of the requirements set out in section 103 of the Act is that the President obtain advice from the United States International Trade Commission.

The USTR has requested that the Commission provide advice on the probable effect on U.S. trade under the NAFTA and on domestic industries as a result of proposed modifications to the rules of origin in NAFTA Annexes 401 and 403 for a number of products. A complete listing of the products and the proposed modifications is available from the Office of the Secretary to the Commission or by accessing the electronic version of this notice at the Commission's Internet site (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The current U.S. rules of origin can be found in General Note 12 of the 2005 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see "General Notes" link at http://hotdocs.usitc.gov/tariff_chapters_current/toc.html). As requested, the Commission will forward its advice to the USTR by August 14, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leader, Edmund Cappuccilli (202-205-3368 or edmund.cappuccilli@usitc.gov) or Deputy Project Leader, Vincent Honnold (202-205-3314 or vincent.honnold@usitc.gov). The above persons are in the Commission's Office of Industries. For more information on the legal aspects of the investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations at 202-205-1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov.

Written Submissions: In lieu of a public hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements

concerning any economic effect of the modifications. Submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on June 2, 2006. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 of the rules requires that a signed original (or copy designated as an original) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of the document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, from which the confidential business information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means only to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, ftp://ftp.usitc.gov/pub/reports/electronic_filing_handbook.pdf). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000 or edis@usitc.gov).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the "confidential" or "nonconfidential" version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties.

The Commission may include some or all of the confidential business information submitted in the course of this investigation in the report it sends to the USTR and the President. As requested by the USTR, the Commission will publish a public version of the report. However, in the public version, the Commission will not publish confidential business information in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

By order of the Commission

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Notice of Update to the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS)

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Update to the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS).

SUMMARY: The United States International Trade Commission hereby provides notice of an update to the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS). The update to EDIS includes an enhanced interface for the filing of electronic documents and a revised Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn R. Abbott (202-205-2000), Secretary to the Commission, or Brian V. Moran (202-205-2784), Director, Office of Information Technology Services, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who require special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. For additional information concerning electronic filing and the Commission in general, please visit the Commission's Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the revised Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures is accessible at <http://www.usitc.gov>. Persons with questions regarding the use, procedures, and requirements regarding electronic filing may also contact the EDIS Help

Desk at 202-205-3347 or
EDISHELP@usitc.gov.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Engineering (1170).

Date/Time: May 3, 2006, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 4, 2006, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Deborah Young, Administrative Officer, 703-292-8301.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to engineering programs and activities.

Agenda: The principal focus of the forthcoming meeting will be on strategic issues, both for the Directorate and the Foundation as a whole. The Committee will also address matters relating to the future of the engineering profession and engineering education.

Dated: March 27, 2006.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research #1203.

Dates and Times: May 16, 2006; 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; May 17, 2006; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Place: University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas Rieker, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-4914.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning further support of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC).

Agenda:

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Closed—Executive Session.

8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Open—Review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center at the University of Nebraska.

4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Closed—Executive Session.

7 p.m.-9 p.m. Open—Dinner.

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

8 a.m.-9 a.m. Closed—Executive Session.

9 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Open—Review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center at the University of Nebraska.

9:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed—Executive Session, Draft and Review Report.

Reason for Closing: The work being reviewed may include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 28, 2006

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 60—"Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Geologic Repositories".

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0127.

3. *How often the collection is required:* The information need only be submitted one time.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* State or Indian Tribes, or their representatives, requesting consultation with the NRC staff regarding review of a potential high-level radioactive waste geologic repository site, or wishing to participate in a license application review for a potential geologic repository (other than a potential geologic repository site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, currently under investigation by the U.S. Department of Energy, which is now regulated under 10 CFR part 63).

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 1; however none are expected in the next three years.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1; however, none are expected in the next three years.

7. *Abstract:* Part 60 requires States and Indian Tribes to submit certain information to the NRC if they request consultation with the NRC staff concerning the review of a potential repository site, or wish to participate in a license application review for a potential repository (other than the Yucca Mountain, Nevada site proposed by the U.S. Department of Energy). Representatives of States or Indian Tribes must submit a statement of their authority to act in such a representative capacity. The information submitted by the States and Indian Tribes is used by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards as a basis for decisions about the commitment of NRC staff resources to the consultation and participation efforts. As provided in § 60.1, the regulations in 10 CFR, Part 60 no longer apply to the licensing of a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain. All of the information collection requirements pertaining to Yucca Mountain were included in 10 CFR part 63, and were approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 3150-0199. The Yucca Mountain site is regulated under 10 CFR part 63 (66 FR 55792, November 2, 2001).

Submit, by May 30, 2006, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?