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**Subpart A—Scope and Definitions**

**§ 356.1 Scope.**

This part sets forth procedures and rules for the implementation of Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement under the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by title IV of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1993 (19 U.S.C. 1516a and 1677f(f)). This part is authorized by section 402(g) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1993.

**§ 356.2 Definitions.**

For purposes of this part:

- (a) *Act* means the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended;  
 (b) *Administrative law judge* means the person appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3105

who presides over the taking of evidence as provided by subpart D of this part;

(c) *Affected party* means a person against whom sanctions have been proposed for alleged violation of a protective order or disclosure undertaking but who is not a charged party;

(d) *Agreement* means the North American Free Trade Agreement between Canada, the United Mexican States and the United States, signed on December 17, 1992; or, with respect to binational panel or extraordinary challenge proceedings underway as of such date, or any binational panel or extraordinary challenge proceedings that may proceed between Canada and the United States following any withdrawal from the Agreement by Canada or the United States, the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States, which came into force on January 1, 1989;

(e) *APO Sanctions Board* means the Administrative Protective Order Sanctions Board;

(f) *Article 1904 Panel Rules* means the NAFTA Article 1904 Panel Rules, negotiated pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement between Canada, the United Mexican States and the United States, and any subsequent amendments; or, with respect to binational panel proceedings underway as of such date, or any binational panel proceedings that may proceed between the Canada and the United States following any withdrawal from the Agreement by Canada or the United States, the *Article 1904 Panel Rules*, as amended, which came into force on January 1, 1989;

(g) *Authorized agency of a free trade area country* means:

(1) In the case of Canada, any Canadian government agency that is authorized by Canadian law to request the Department to initiate proceedings to impose sanctions for an alleged violation of a disclosure undertaking; and

(2) In the case of Mexico, any Mexican government agency that is authorized by Mexican law to request the Department to initiate proceedings to impose sanctions for an alleged violation of a disclosure undertaking;

(h) *Binational panel* means a binational panel established pursuant to

Annex 1901.2 to Chapter Nineteen of the Agreement for the purpose of reviewing a final determination;

(i) *Charged party* means a person who is charged by the Deputy Under Secretary with violating a protective order or a disclosure undertaking;

(j) *Chief Counsel* means the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, or designee;

(k) *Days* means calendar days, except that a deadline which falls on a weekend or holiday shall be extended to the next working day;

(l) *Department* means the U.S. Department of Commerce;

(m) *Deputy Under Secretary* means the Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce;

(n) *Director* means an Office Director under the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Investigations, U.S. Department of Commerce, or designee, if the panel review is of a final determination by the Department under section 751 of the Act, or an Office Director under the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance, or designee, if the panel review is of a final determination by the Department under section 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act;

(o) *Disclosure undertaking* means:

(1) In the case of Canada, the Canadian mechanism for protecting proprietary or privileged information during proceedings pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, as prescribed by subsection 77.21(2) of the Special Import Measures Act, as amended; and

(2) In the case of Mexico, the Mexican mechanism for protecting proprietary or privileged information during proceedings pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, as prescribed by the Ley de Comercio Exterior and its regulations;

(p) *Extraordinary challenge committee* means the committee established pursuant to Annex 1904.13 to Chapter Nineteen of the Agreement to review decisions of a panel or conduct of a panelist;

(q) *Final determination* means “final determination” as defined by Article 1911 of the Agreement;

(r) *Free trade area country* or *FTA country* means “free trade area coun-

try” as defined by section 516A(f)(10) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1516a(f)(10));

(s) *Investigating authority* means the competent investigating authority that issued the final determination subject to review and includes, in respect of the issuance, amendment, modification or revocation of a protective order or disclosure undertaking, any person authorized by the investigating authority;

(t) *Lesser-included sanction* means a sanction of the same type but of more limited scope than the proposed sanction for violation of a protective order or disclosure undertaking; thus, a one-year bar on representation before the Department is a lesser-included sanction of a proposed seven-year bar;

(u) *Letter of transmittal* means a document marked according to the requirements of 19 CFR 353.31(e)(2)(i)-(v) or 355.31(e)(2)(i)-(v);

(v) *Official publication* means:

(1) In the case of Canada, the *Canada Gazette*;

(2) In the case of Mexico, the *Diario Oficial de la Federacion*; and

(3) In the case of the United States, the FEDERAL REGISTER;

(w) *Panel review* means review of a final determination pursuant to Chapter Nineteen of the Agreement;

(x) *Party to the proceeding* means a person that would be entitled, under section 516A of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1516a), to commence proceedings for judicial review of a final determination;

(y) *Participant* means a party to the proceeding that files a Complaint or a Notice of Appearance in a panel review, and the Department;

(z) *Parties* means, in an action under subpart D of this part, the Department and the charged party or affected party;

(aa) *Person* means, an individual, partnership, corporation, association, organization, or other entity;

(bb) *Privileged information* means:

(1) With respect to a panel review of a final determination made in Canada, information of the investigating authority that is subject to the solicitor-client privilege under the laws of Canada, or that constitutes part of the deliberative process with respect to the final determination, and with respect

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to which the privilege has not been waived;

(2) With respect to a panel review of a final determination made in Mexico:

(i) Information of the investigating authority that is subject to attorney-client privilege under the laws of Mexico; or

(ii) Internal communications between officials of the Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial in charge of antidumping and countervailing duty investigations or communications between those officials and other government officials, where those communications constitute part of the deliberative process with respect to the final determination; and

(3) With respect to a panel review of a final determination made in the United States, information of the investigating authority that is subject to the attorney-client, attorney work product or government deliberative process privilege under the laws of the United States and with respect to which the privilege has not been waived;

(cc) *Proprietary information* means:

(1) With respect to a panel review of a final determination made in Canada, information referred to in subsection 84(3) of the Special Import Measures Act, as amended, or subsection 45(3) of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act, as amended, with respect to which the person who designated or submitted the information has not withdrawn the person's claim as to the confidentiality of the information;

(2) With respect to a panel review of a final determination made in Mexico, information confidential, as defined under article 80 of the Ley de Comercio Exterior and its regulations; and

(3) With respect to a panel review of a final determination made in the United States, business proprietary information under section 777(f) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677f(f)) and information the disclosure of which the Department has decided is limited under the procedures adopted pursuant to Article 1904.14 of the Agreement, including business or trade secrets; production costs; terms of sale; prices of individual sales, likely sales, or offers; names of customers, distributors, or suppliers; exact amounts of the subsidies received

and used by a person; names of particular persons from whom proprietary information was obtained; and any other business information the release of which to the public would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the submitter;

(dd) *Protective order* means a protective order issued by the Department under 19 CFR 356.10(c) or 356.11(c);

(ee) *Scope determination* means a determination by the Department, reviewable under section 516A(a)(2)(B)(vi) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1516a(a)(2)(B)(vi)), as to whether a particular type of merchandise is within the class or kind of merchandise described in an existing finding of dumping or an antidumping or countervailing duty order covering free trade area country merchandise;

(ff) *Secretariat* means the Secretariat established pursuant to Article 2002 of the Agreement and includes the Secretariat sections located in Canada, Mexico and the United States;

(gg) *Secretary* means the Secretary of the Canadian section of the Secretariat, the Secretary of the Mexican section of the Secretariat, or the Secretary of the United States section of the Secretariat and includes any person authorized to act on behalf of the Secretary;

(hh) *Service address* means the address of the counsel of record for a person, including any facsimile number submitted with that address, or, where a person is not represented by counsel, the address set out by the person in a Request for Panel Review, Complaint or Notice of Appearance as the address at which the person may be served, including any facsimile number submitted with that address, or where a Change of Service Address has been filed by a person, the new service address set out as the service address in that form, including any facsimile number submitted with that address;

(ii) *Service list* means, with respect to a panel review of a final determination made in the United States, the list maintained by the investigating authority of persons who have been served in the proceeding leading to the final determination;

(jj) *Under Secretary* means the Under Secretary for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, or designee;

(kk) *United States section of the Secretariat* means, for the purposes of filing, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, room 2061, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

### Subpart B—Procedures for Commencing Review of Final Determinations

#### § 356.3 Notice of intent to commence judicial review.

A party to a proceeding who intends to commence judicial review of a final determination made in the United States shall file a Notice of Intent to Commence Judicial Review, which shall contain such information, and be in such form, manner, and style, including service requirements, as prescribed by the Article 1904 Panel Rules, within 20 days after:

(a) The date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of the final determination; or

(b) The date on which the notice of the final determination was received by the Government of the FTA country if the final determination was not published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

#### § 356.4 Request for panel review.

A party to a proceeding who seeks panel review of a final determination shall file a Request for Panel Review, which shall contain such information, and be in such form, manner, and style, including service requirements, as prescribed by the Article 1904 Panel Rules, within 30 days after:

(a) The date of publication in the official publication of the final determination; or

(b) The date on which the notice of the final determination was received by the United States Government or the Government of the FTA country if the final determination was not published in the official publication.

#### § 356.5 [Reserved]

#### § 356.6 Receipt of notice of a scope determination by the Government of a FTA country.

(a) Where the Department has made a scope determination, notice of such determination shall be deemed received

by the Government of a FTA country when a certified copy of the determination is delivered to the chancery of the Embassy of the FTA country during its normal business hours.

(b) Where feasible, the Department, or an agent therefor, will obtain a certificate of receipt signed by a person authorized to accept delivery of documents to the Embassy of the FTA country acknowledging receipt of the scope determination. The certificate will describe briefly the document being delivered to the Embassy of the FTA country, state the date and time of receipt, and include the name and title of the person who signs the certificate. The certificate will be retained by the Department in its public files pertaining to the scope determination at issue.

#### § 356.7 Request to determine when the Government of a FTA country received notice of a scope determination.

(a) Pursuant to section 516A(g)(10) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1516a(g)(10)), any party to the proceeding may request in writing from the Department the date on which the Government of a FTA country received notice of a scope determination made by the Department.

(b) A request shall be made by filing a written request and the correct number of copies in accordance with the requirements set forth in 19 CFR 353.31(d) and (e)(2) or 355.31(d) and (e)(2) with the Secretary of Commerce, Attention: Enforcement and Compliance, Central Records Unit, room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. A letter of transmittal must be bound to the original and each copy as the first page of the request.

(c) The requesting party shall serve a copy of the Request to Determine When the Government of [insert name of applicable FTA country] Received Notice of a Scope Determination by first class mail or personal service on any interested party on the Department's service list in accordance with the service requirements listed in 19 CFR 353.31(g) or 355.31(g).

(d) The Department will respond to the request referred to in paragraph (b)