counterfactual duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada, and the Government of Mexico established Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the Federal Register on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter was requested and terminated pursuant to these Rules.

Dated: December 8, 2011.

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Solicitation of Nominations for Chain Competitiveness and of the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness and solicitation of Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Amendment to notice of establishment of the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness and solicitation of nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade announced in the November 3, 2011, Federal Register the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (the Committee) by the Secretary of Commerce and the solicitation of nominations for membership on the Committee (see 76 FR 68159). This amendment clarifies the scope of the Committee’s work and the nominations being sought for the Committee, and extends the deadline for nominations.

The Committee shall advise the Secretary on the necessary elements of a comprehensive, holistic national freight infrastructure and a national freight policy designed to support U.S. export growth and competitiveness, foster national economic competitiveness, and improve U.S. supply chain competitiveness in the domestic and global economy. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) governs the Committee and sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

The Committee shall provide detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding:

- National, state, or local factors that inhibit the efficient domestic and international movement of goods from point of origin to destination, and the competitiveness of domestic and international supply chains;
- Infrastructure capacity, inter- and cross-modal connectivity, investment, regulatory, and infra- or inter-governmental coordination factors that affect supply chain competitiveness, goods movement, and sustainability;
- Emerging trends in goods movement that affect supply chain competitiveness; and
- Metrics that can be used to quantify supply chain performance.

II. Structure, Membership, and Operation

The Committee shall consist of a maximum of 20 private sector members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance and based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the Committee. These members shall represent a balanced and broad range of interests, including representatives from supply chain firms or their associations (including shippers and all modes of freight transportation [trucking, rail, maritime, and air]), stakeholders, community organizations, and others directly affected by the supply chain, as well as experts from academia.

Nominations

The Secretary of Commerce invites nominations to the Committee for the charter term beginning November 21, 2011, for appointments for a two-year term concurrent with the charter term. Members will be selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based upon their
ability to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the necessary elements of a comprehensive, holistic national freight infrastructure and a national freight policy designed to support U.S. export growth and competitiveness, foster national economic competitiveness, and improve U.S. supply chain competitiveness in the domestic and global economy. Members shall represent a balanced and broad range of interests, including representatives from supply chain firms or their associations (including shippers and all modes of freight transportation (truck, rail, maritime, and air)), stakeholders, community organizations, and others directly affected by the supply chain as well as experts from academia. The membership should reflect the general composition of the U.S. supply chain industry. Other than the experts from academia, all members shall serve in a representative capacity, expressing their views and interests of a U.S. entity or organization, as well as its particular sector. Members serving in such a representative capacity are not Special Government Employees. The members from academia serve as experts and therefore are Special Government Employees (SGEs) and shall be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs.

Each private sector member of the Committee must be a U.S. citizen, a federally-registered lobbyist and not registered as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. All appointments are made without regard to political affiliation. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Members of the Committee will not be compensated for their services or reimbursed for their travel expenses. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary as circumstances warrant and shall represent a balanced and broad range of interests, including credentials; and

(3) Brief description of the firm, association, community organization, or other entity to be represented and its activities and size (number of employees or members and annual sales, if applicable);

(4) An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all Committee eligibility requirements for representative members, including that the applicant represents a U.S. company or U.S. organization.

a. For purposes of Committee eligibility, a U.S. company is at least 51 percent owned by U.S. persons.
b. For purposes of Committee eligibility, a U.S. organization is controlled by U.S. persons, as determined based on its board of directors (or comparable governing body), membership, and funding sources, as applicable.

In addition to the above requirements for all nominations, nominations for experts from academia should also provide the following information:

(1) A description of the nominee’s area(s) of expertise;

(2) A concise Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume that covers education, experience, and relevant publications and summarizes how this expertise addresses supply chain competitiveness; and

(3) An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all Committee eligibility requirements.

Please do not send firm, association, or community organization brochures. Nominations may be emailed to richard.boll@trade.gov or faxed to the attention of Richard Boll at 202–482–2669, or mailed to Richard Boll, Office of Service Industries, Room CC307, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, and must be received before January 6, 2012. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified.

Dated: December 8, 2011.

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