

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Public Meeting on Insolvency-Related Judgments and Enterprise Group Insolvency Issues

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, gives notice of a public meeting to discuss ongoing work in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) related to the recognition and enforcement of insolvency-derived judgments and the insolvency of cross-border enterprise groups. The public meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. EST. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

For its last several sessions, UNCITRAL's Working Group V has been focused on two projects: A model law on the recognition and enforcement of insolvency-related judgments, and model legislative provisions that would assist courts in addressing the cross-border insolvency of enterprise groups. In December 2016, Working Group V will continue to discuss the draft texts for both projects. Along with documents from past sessions, the Secretariat papers for the December session will be made available at http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/commission/working_groups/5Insolvency.html.

The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders on updated drafts prepared by the UNCITRAL Secretariat on both topics: The recognition and enforcement of insolvency-related judgments and the insolvency of cross-border enterprise groups.

Time and Place: The meeting will take place on November 22, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. via a teleconference. Those who cannot participate but wish to comment are welcome to do so by email to Tim Schnabel at SchnabelTR@state.gov.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. If you would like to participate by telephone, please email pil@state.gov to obtain the call-in number and other information.

Dated: October 17, 2016.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**Release of Waybill Data**

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from a professor of Political Economy at the University of Texas at Austin (WB16-48—10/19/16) for permission to use certain unmasked data from the Board's 2000–2014 Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Alexander Dusenberry, (202) 245-0319.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2016-0020]

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/CV) proceedings and amendments to AD/CVD statutes of a NAFTA Party. The United States annually renews its selections for the Chapter 19 roster. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) invites applications from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018.

DATES: USTR must receive your application by November 17, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You should submit your application through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR-2016-0020. Follow the instructions for submitting comments below. While USTR strongly prefers

electronic submissions, you also may submit your application by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Wang, Assistant General Counsel, Katherine_E_Wang@ustr.eop.gov, (202) 395-6214.

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 AD/CVD determinations are in accordance with the domestic laws of the importing NAFTA Party using 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 15 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 must 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