

§ 4647. Hotline

The Interagency Labor Committee shall establish a web-based hotline, monitored by the Department of Labor, to receive confidential information regarding labor issues among USMCA countries directly from interested parties, including Mexican workers.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, §717, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 85.)

§ 4648. Reports**(a) In general**

Not later than 180 days after January 29, 2020, and every 180 days thereafter for 10 years except as provided in subsection (b), the Interagency Labor Committee shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes—

(1) a description of Committee staffing and capacity building activities with Mexico;

(2) information regarding the budget resources for Mexico's labor reform and the deadlines in the September 2019 policy statements by the Government of Mexico on a national strategy for implementation of the labor justice system and in subsequent policy statements in accordance with Mexico's labor reform;

(3) a summary of petitions filed in accordance with section 4646 of this title and the use of the rapid response labor mechanism under Annex 31–A of the USMCA;

(4) the results of the most recent assessment conducted under section 4644 of this title; and

(5) if, with respect to any report of the Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board submitted under section 4674 of this title that includes a determination described in paragraph (2) of such section, the Interagency Labor Committee does not concur with such determination, an explanation of the reasons for not concurring in such determination and a commitment to provide an oral briefing with respect to such explanation upon request.

(b) Consultation relating to annual assessment

On or after the date that is 5 years after January 29, 2020, the Trade Representative and the Secretary of Labor may consult with the appropriate congressional committees with respect to the frequency of the reports required under subsection (a) and, with the approval of both such committees, may submit such report on an annual basis for the following 5 years.

(c) Five-year assessment

Not later than the date that is 5 years after the date of the establishment of the Interagency Labor Committee pursuant to section 4641(a) of this title, the Committee shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees—

(1) a comprehensive assessment of the implementation of Mexico's labor reform, including with respect to—

(A) whether Mexico has reviewed and legitimized all existing collective bargaining agreements in Mexico;

(B) whether Mexico has addressed the pre-existing legal or administrative labor disputes;

(C) whether Mexico has established the Federal Center for Conciliation and Labor Registration, and an assessment of that Center's operation;

(D) whether Mexico has established the federal labor courts, and an assessment of their operation; and

(E) whether Mexico has established the state conciliation centers and labor courts in all states and an assessment of their operation; and

(2) a strategic plan and recommendations for actions to address areas of concern relating to the implementation of Mexico's labor reform, for purposes of the joint review conducted pursuant to article 34.7 of the USMCA on the sixth anniversary of the entry into force of the USMCA.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, §718, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 85.)

§ 4649. Consultations on appointment and funding of rapid response labor panelists**(a) In general**

The Interagency Labor Committee shall consult with the Labor Advisory Committee established under section 2155(c)(1) of this title and the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations established under section 2155(b) of this title (or successor advisory committees) and the appropriate congressional committees with respect to the selection and appointment of candidates for the rapid response labor panelists described in Annex 31–A of the USMCA.

(b) Funding

The United States, in consultation with Mexico, shall provide adequate funding for rapid response labor panelists to carry out the responsibilities under the USMCA promptly and fully.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, §719, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 86.)

PART B—MEXICO LABOR ATTACHES

§ 4661. Establishment

The Secretary of Labor shall—

(1) hire and fix the compensation of up to 5 additional full-time officers or employees of the Department of Labor; and

(2) detail or assign such officers or employees to the United States Embassy or a United States Consulate in Mexico to carry out the duties described in section 4662 of this title.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, §721, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 86.)

§ 4662. Duties

The duties described in this section are the following:

(1) Assisting the Interagency Labor Committee to monitor and enforce the labor obligations of Mexico.

(2) Submitting to the Interagency Labor Committee on a quarterly basis reports on the efforts undertaken by Mexico to comply with its labor obligations.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, §722, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 86.)