

**§ 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.)

**§ 4663. Status**

Any officer or employee, while detailed or assigned under this part, shall be considered, for the purpose of preserving their allowances, privileges, rights, seniority, and other benefits as such, an officer or employee of the United States Government and of the agency of the United States Government from which detailed or assigned, and shall continue to receive compensation, allowances, and benefits from program funds appropriated to that agency or made available to that agency for purposes related to the activities of the detail or assignment, in accordance with authorities related to their employment status and agency policies.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, § 723, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 86.)

PART C—INDEPENDENT MEXICO LABOR EXPERT BOARD

**§ 4671. Establishment**

There is hereby established a board, to be known as the “Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board”, to be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of Mexico’s labor reform and compliance with its labor obligations. The Board shall also advise the Interagency Labor Committee with respect to capacity-building activities needed to support such implementation and compliance.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, § 731, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 87.)

**§ 4672. Membership; term****(a) Membership**

The Board shall be composed of 12 members who shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Four members to be appointed by the Labor Advisory Committee established under section 2155(c)(1) of this title (or successor advisory committee).

(2) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

(3) Two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate from among individuals recommended by the majority leader of the Senate and in consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Finance of the Senate.

(4) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

(5) Two members appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate from among individuals recommended by the minority leader of the Senate and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance of the Senate.

**(b) Term**

Except as provided in subsection (c), members of the Board shall serve for a term of 6 years.

**(c) Extension of term**

If the Board determines, at the end of the 6-year period beginning on the date of the ap-

pointment of the last member appointed in accordance with subsection (a), that Mexico is not fully in compliance with its labor obligations, a majority of the members of the Board may determine to extend its term for 4 additional years. A new Board shall be appointed in accordance with subsection (a) and shall serve for a single term of 4 years.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, § 732, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 87.)

**§ 4673. Funding**

The United States shall provide necessary funding to support the work of the Board, including with respect to translation services and personnel support.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, § 733, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 87.)

**§ 4674. Reports**

For the 6-year period beginning on January 29, 2020, and for an additional 4 years if the term of the Board is extended in accordance with section 4672(c) of this title, the Board shall submit to<sup>1</sup> appropriate congressional committees and to the Interagency Labor Committee an annual report that—

(1) contains an assessment of—

(A) the efforts of Mexico to implement Mexico’s labor reform; and

(B) the manner and extent to which labor laws are generally enforced in Mexico; and

(2) may include a determination that Mexico is not in compliance with its labor obligations.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, § 734, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 87.)

PART D—FORCED LABOR

**§ 4681. Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force****(a) Establishment**

Not later than 90 days after January 29, 2020, the President shall establish a Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force to monitor United States enforcement of the prohibition under section 1307 of this title.

**(b) Members; meetings****(1) Members**

The Task Force shall be chaired by the Secretary of Homeland Security and shall be comprised of representatives from such other agencies with relevant expertise, including the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the Department of Labor, as the President determines appropriate.

**(2) Meetings**

The Task Force shall meet on a quarterly basis regarding active Withhold and Release Orders, ongoing investigations, petitions received, and enforcement priorities, and other relevant issues with respect to enforcing the prohibition under section 1307 of this title.

(Pub. L. 116–113, title VII, § 741, Jan. 29, 2020, 134 Stat. 88.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by “the”.