

Traders and Investors

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) allows **Traders** to enter the United States to facilitate and administer substantial trade involving the flow of goods or services principally between the U.S. and Canada. The best example of "substantial trade" is a large number of high valued transactions. Over 50% of the international trade (note: not all total trade) must be conducted between the U.S. and Canada.

The NAFTA also allows **Investors** to enter the U.S. to develop and direct a bona-fide company in which they have made a substantial investment of capital, and thereby own at least 50%, or maintain a controlling interest.

Employees of Traders and Investors whose job duties are supervisory or executive in nature, or whose skills are essential to the operation of the company, may also qualify.

Requests for **Trader (E-1)** and **Investor (E-2)** status are processed only at the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto. For detailed information on how to submit an application, consult the Web site of the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto (www.usembassycanada.gov).

If you have routine administrative questions about the processing of an application, you may contact the E-visa office by fax, e-mail, or phone. (Tel.: (416) 595-1700, ext. 500 or 241; Fax: (416) 595-5466; e-mail: evisatoronto@state.gov). Cases are not judged over the phone.

Forms and Fees: Changing or Renewing Your Status

For information on all forms and fee packages, visit the USINS Web site. The site also provides information on how to extend your business visitor status in the U.S.

www.ins.usdoj.gov

Difficulty Entering the United States or Mexico

Contact NAFTA Temporary Entry
Information Line at

(613) 944-2046,

or by fax at

(613) 944-0058.

This line operates Monday to Friday,
9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.