

CANADA - UNITED STATES TRADE COMMISSION

FOURTH MEETING

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OCTOBER 11, 1990

TEMPORARY ENTRY

The Commission received the report of the Temporary Entry Consultative Group. It noted that with the exception of the proposed amendment to the Distribution provision in Schedule 1, the necessary domestic review processes have been completed for the amendments to Chapter 15 approved by the Commission at its November 30, 1989 meeting and that those amendments would be implemented upon publication by both countries. (See Appendix "A")

As well, the Commission approved new recommendations to include minimum educational requirements/alternative credentials for a number of professions already in Schedule 2, but for which credentials had not been previously established, and to add some professions. Both countries will now submit these proposed amendments to their domestic review processes. (See Appendix "B")

BINATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The Commission was pleased with the progress and implementation of Article 1904 Panel Rules and the Chapter 18 Model rules of Procedure since January 1, 1989. Twelve Chapter 19 cases have been filed with the U.S. Section in Washington and one with the Canadian Section in Ottawa. One Chapter 18 case was filed in each country and all cases filed in 1989 were completed or withdrawn. Of the requests for Panel Review, the Panel remanded three, affirmed four and remanded two in part and affirmed them in part. The Binational Secretariat is soliciting comments from past participants, panellists, and roster members with a view to improving the Chapter 18 process.

RULES OF ORIGIN AND CUSTOMS WORKING GROUP

The Bilateral Working Group held its third meeting on September 13 and reached agreement on a number of technical changes to the rules of origin. The process for their formal adoption in both countries will begin shortly.