

GUIDANCE

Organization:

- Governments will inform each other by June 20 of their respective officials with negotiating responsibility for the individual NAFTA chapters and related agreements.
- The first round of negotiations of the individual chapters and related agreements will be organized as follows:
 - Group 1 - Chapters 3, 4, 5, 7, 10
 - Group 2 - Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17
 - Group 3 - Chapters 1, 2, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22
 - Group 4 - Chapters 6, 8, 9, 19, supplemental agreements

This structure will be reviewed at the end of the first session and adjusted as necessary.

Schedule of Work:

- Lead negotiators will formulate plans for the venue of future negotiating sessions by no later than June;
- Lead negotiators will exchange electronic copies of 1995 tariff schedules and 1994 bilateral trade data by June 30;
- Negotiators responsible for all individual NAFTA chapters and related agreements will meet no later than the end of July;
- Taking into account the results of this first session, lead negotiators will explore potential NAFTA chapters, agreements and areas where progress could be accelerated;
- Consistent with the desire for early progress, negotiators will initially address among other factors:
 - a general framework for the tariff negotiations; and
 - how best to develop proposals regarding market access pertaining to all relevant chapters;
- Negotiators will report their progress to Ministers by no later than September; and
- Ministers responsible for trade will meet as necessary to assess progress and determine the next steps in the negotiations.