

SERVICES : QUESTION #9

Considering the temporary access rules established under the FTA, what will the position of the government under a NAFTA?

Background:

Chapter 15 of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement (FTA) eased the restrictions on business travel between Canada and the U.S. Four categories of business travellers are identified in the FTA: Business Visitors, Intra-Company Transferees, Traders and Investors, and Professionals in certain fields. Eligibility depends upon the following: citizenship, minimum education requirements as stipulated in the FTA, obtain a job offer from employer in an occupation identified in the FTA.

RESPONSE:

- IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO STATE THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS BEFORE THEIR FINALIZATION. IT IS ANTICIPATED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY AGREEMENT WILL BE SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THE CANADA-UNITED STATES FTA WITH RESPECT TO THE TRAVEL OF BUSINESS PEOPLE AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS.