

The Tourism Working Group, also established under Chapter 14, held its second meeting on October 1, 1990, in Ottawa. It continued a work program focusing on exchange of information of policy initiatives, joint research, some coordination of approach towards international tourism organizations and joint initiatives to facilitate tourism between the two countries.

1.10 Chapter 15: Temporary Entry

Progress has continued to be good on the implementation of Chapter 15 of the Agreement which seeks to ensure that covered business persons have facilitated access to each other's market.

A number of measures were recommended by the Canada-U.S. Trade Commission on November 30, 1989 to facilitate temporary travel of business persons between the two countries and the following are expected to come into force shortly. Schedule 1 is being amended to make it clearer that a sales representative or agent must be in the employ of an employer or firm in the country of citizenship and be travelling to the other country to sell goods for that employer or firm. Schedule 2 is being amended both to expand the number of professions covered by the temporary entry provisions (upon the recommendation of either Party or at the request of professionals and their representative associations) and to incorporate the minimum standards for qualification for border entry in each of the listed professions. This will enable reciprocal treatment by port of entry officials in both countries. The profession of journalist was deleted from Schedule 2.

A series of new proposals were approved at the Commission meeting on October 11, 1990 which will now be subject to public comment. It is proposed that Schedule 2 be amended to establish minimum educational requirements/alternative credentials for the following professions which are already included in Schedule 2 but for which credentials had not been previously established: Accountant, Animal Breeder, Computer Systems Analyst, Clinical Lab Technologist and Medical Technologist. The job titles for Clinical Lab Technologist and Medical Technologist are to be amended and the minimum educational requirements/alternative credentials for Hotel Manager are to be revised. The credentials for temporary entry as a Scientific Technician/Technologist are to be modified to clarify and expand upon the activities these individuals may perform and to add "engineering" to the list of included disciplines. It is also proposed that the following new professions (and educational requirements/alternative credentials) be added: Geochemist, Industrial Designer and Interior Designer. These proposed amendments will go through the normal regulatory process of publication in the Canada Gazette and a review after public comments are received.