Business Visitors

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) allows Business Visitors to enter the United States for a limited period of time to engage in any of the following business activities.

Research and design

• Technical, scientific and statistical researchers conducting independent research or research for an enterprise located in Canada.

Growth, manufacture and production

- Harvester-owner supervising a harvesting crew admitted under applicable law.
- Purchasing and production management personnel conducting commercial transactions for an enterprise located in Canada.

Marketing

- Market researchers and analysts conducting independent research or analysis for an enterprise located in Canada.
- Trade fair and promotional personnel attending a trade convention.

Sales

- Sales representatives and agents taking orders or negotiating contracts for goods or services for an enterprise located in Canada, but not delivering goods or providing services.
- Buyers purchasing for an enterprise located in Canada.

Distribution

- Transportation operators moving goods or passengers to the U.S., or loading goods or passengers and transporting them back to Canada, with no unloading within the United States. Purely domestic service or solicitation, in competition with U.S. operators, is not permitted.
- Customs brokers providing consulting services for facilitating the import or export of goods.

After-sales service

• Installers, repair and maintenance personnel and supervisors, with specialized knowledge essential to a seller's contractual obligation, performing services or training workers to perform services, pursuant to a warranty or other service contract which is incidental to the sale of commercial or industrial equipment or machinery. This includes computer software, purchased from an enterprise located outside the U.S., during the life of the warranty or service agreement. For further information, please see the publication *Cross-Border Movement of Business Persons and the NAFTA*.

General service

- Professionals engaging in a business activity covered under the NAFTA, but receiving no salary or other remuneration from a U.S. source, except for expense allowances or other expense reimbursements incidental to the temporary stay.
- Management and supervisory personnel engaging in a commercial transaction for an enterprise located in Canada.
- Financial services personnel (insurers, bankers or investment brokers) engaging in