

Other Provisions with Environmental Implications

- New provisions on temporary entry facilitate the ability of Canadian business persons and professionals providing environmental equipment or services to work in other NAFTA countries.
- Mexican bus and trucking companies may begin replacing their aging fleets with less polluting units made in Canada and the U.S.
- Auto and surface transportation committees will work toward improving motor carrier standards, including emissions standards.
- Expenditures to meet environmental abatement requirements would be eligible costs when calculating the North American content of a product. (Such calculations on certain products are necessary to determine if the product may be imported duty-free or at reduced tariff rates.) Therefore, companies that spend heavily on the environment are fully compensated in the calculation.

CONCLUSIONS

The NAFTA establishes a new benchmark for environmentally sensitive international trade and economic relations. The environmental provisions of the NAFTA would go well beyond those of any previous free trade agreement.