

Temporary Entry for Business Persons

Article 1601: General Principles

Pursuant to Article 102 (Objectives), this Chapter reflects the preferential trading relationship between the Parties, the desirability of facilitating temporary entry on a reciprocal basis and of establishing transparent criteria and procedures for temporary entry, and the need to ensure border security and to protect the domestic labor force and permanent employment in their respective territories.

Article 1602: General Obligations

1. Each Party shall apply its measures relating to the provision of this Chapter in accordance with Article 1601. Each Party shall apply progressively those measures so as to avoid any adverse impact on the supply of goods or services or conduct of investment activities under this Chapter.

2. The Parties shall endeavor to develop and adopt common criteria, definitions and interpretations for the border areas of this Chapter.

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Article 1603: Grant of Temporary Entry

1. Each Party shall grant temporary entry to business persons who are otherwise qualified for entry into its territory, subject to the health and safety and national security, in accordance with the provisions of Annex 1603.

2. A Party may refuse to issue an immigration document authorizing employment to a business person where the temporary entry of that person might affect adversely:

- (a) the settlement of any labor dispute that is in progress at the place or intended place of employment; or
- (b) the employment of any person who is involved in such dispute.

3. When a Party refuses pursuant to paragraph 2 to issue an immigration document authorizing employment, it shall: