DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 635]

Functions of the Department of State Relating to the National Endowment for Democracy

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including section 1 of the Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2651a); sections 1311–14 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6531–33; 22 U.S.C. 2651a(b)(3)); and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Act (22 U.S.C. 4411–16), I hereby delegate the following functions, including those that are or were vested in the Director of the United States Information Agency or in that Agency and are now vested in me:

(1) To the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, acting in coordination with the Director of the Bureau of Global Acquisitions, the functions relating to audits of the National Endowment for Democracy as described in section 504(g) of the NED Act (22 U.S.C. 4413(g)).

(2) To the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, acting in coordination with the Bureau of Administration, the functions relating to the National Endowment for Democracy's compliance with the Freedom of Information Act as described in section 506 of the NED Act (22 U.S.C. 4415).

(3) To the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, acting in coordination with the Bureau of Global Acquisitions, the functions relating to administration of the grant program with the National Endowment for Democracy as described in section 503(a) and 504(a) of the NED Act (22 U.S.C. 4412(a) and 4413(a)).

(4) To the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, acting in coordination with regional bureaus, the authority to consult with the National Endowment for Democracy on any overseas program funded by the Endowment prior to the commencement of the activities of that program, as described in section 505(b) of the NED Act (22 U.S.C. 4414(b)). The Department will therefore not view NED's consultation responsibility as having been satisfied by any communications that do not include the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy or that Under Secretary's designee. This authority may not be exercised by any other component of the State Department aside from the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, or pursuant to a redelegation by the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

The Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources may exercise the authority delegated herein. The Under Secretary for Management may exercise the functions herein referenced of the Bureau of Global Acquisitions and the Bureau of Administration. The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs may exercise the functions herein referenced of the Regional Bureaus. Functions delegated by this delegation of authority may be redelegated to an Officer of the United States, to the extent consistent with law.

To the extent that this delegation conflicts with the prior delegation of functions relating to the grant program with the National Endowment of Democracy articulated in Delegation of Authority 234, Section 1(7), this delegation takes precedence. It does not otherwise repeal or affect any delegation of authority currently in effect.

This document will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 16, 2026.

Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

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STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SJI Board of Directors Meeting, Notice

AGENCY: State Justice Institute.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this meeting is to consider grant applications for the 1st quarter of FY 2027, and other business.

DATES: The SJI Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, December 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. CT.

ADDRESSES: Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building, 300 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, AL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Mattiello, Executive Director, State Justice Institute, 12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703–660–4979, *contact@sji.gov.*

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 10702(f))

Jonathan D. Mattiello,

Executive Director.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2026–0562]

Applications for Inclusion on the Binational Panels Roster Under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) provides for the establishment of a roster of individuals to serve on binational panels convened to review final determinations in antidumping or countervailing duty (AD/CVD) proceedings and amendments to AD/CVD statutes of a USMCA Party. The United States annually renews its selections for the roster. USTR invites applications from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028.

DATES: USTR must receive your application by December 4, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You should submit your application through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: *http://www.regulations.gov,* using docket number USTR–2026–0562. Follow the submission instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thor Petersen, Associate General Counsel, *Thorvald.J.Petersen@ustr.eop.gov,* 202.395.9599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Binational Panel AD/CVD Reviews Under the USMCA

Article 10.12 of the USMCA provides that a party involved in an AD/CVD proceeding may obtain review by a binational panel of a final AD/CVD determination of one USMCA Party with respect to the products of another USMCA Party. Binational panels decide whether AD/CVD determinations are in accordance with the domestic laws of the importing USMCA Party using the standard of review that would have been applied by a domestic court of the importing USMCA Party. A panel may uphold the AD/CVD determination, or may remand it to the national administering authority for action not inconsistent with the panel's decision. Panel decisions may be reviewed in specific circumstances by a 3-member extraordinary challenge committee, selected from a separate roster composed of 15 current or former judges.

Article 10.11 of the USMCA provides that a USMCA Party may refer an amendment to the AD/CVD statutes of another USMCA Party to a binational panel for a declaratory opinion as to whether the amendment is inconsistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the WTO Antidumping or Subsidies Agreements, successor agreements, or the object and purpose of the USMCA with regard to the establishment of fair and predictable conditions for the progressive liberalization of trade while maintaining effective and fair disciplines on unfair trade practices. If the panel finds that the amendment is inconsistent, the two USMCA Parties must consult and seek to achieve a mutually satisfactory solution.

B. Roster and Composition of Binational Panels

Annex 10–B.1 of the USMCA provides for the maintenance of a roster of at least 75 individuals for service on Chapter 10 binational panels, with each USMCA Party selecting at least 25 individuals. A separate five-person panel is formed for each review of a final AD/CVD determination or statutory amendment. The majority of individuals on each panel must consist of lawyers in good standing, and the chair of the panel must be a lawyer.

When there is a request to establish a panel, roster members from the two involved USMCA Parties will complete a disclosure form that is used to identify possible conflicts of interest or appearances thereof. The disclosure form requests information regarding financial interests and affiliations, including information regarding the identity of clients of the roster member and, if applicable, clients of the roster member's firm.

C. Criteria for Eligibility for Inclusion on Roster

The United States bases the selection of individuals for inclusion on the Chapter 10 roster on the eligibility criteria set out in Annex 10–B.1 of the USMCA. Annex 10–B.1 provides that Chapter 10 roster members must be citizens of a USMCA Party, must be of good character and of high standing and repute, and are to be chosen strictly on the basis of their objectivity, reliability, sound judgment, and general familiarity with international trade law. Aside from judges, roster members may not be affiliated with the governments of any of the three USMCA Parties. Annex 10–B.1 also provides that, to the fullest extent practicable, the roster must include judges and former judges.

D. Adherence to the USMCA Code of Conduct for Binational Panelists

The Code of Conduct under Chapter 10 and Chapter 31 (Dispute Settlement) (see *https://can-mex-usa-sec.org/secretariat/agreement-accord-acuerdo/usmca-aceum-tmec/code-code-codigo.aspx?lang=eng*), which was established pursuant to Article 10.17 of the USMCA, provides that current and former Chapter 10 roster members ''shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety and shall observe high standards of conduct so that the integrity and impartiality of the dispute settlement process is preserved.'' The Code of Conduct also provides that candidates who serve on Chapter 10 rosters, as well as those who ultimately are selected to serve as panelists, have an obligation to ''disclose any interest, relationship or matter that is likely to affect [their] impartiality or independence, or that might reasonably create an appearance of impropriety or an apprehension of bias.'' Annex 10–B.1 of the USMCA provides that roster members may engage in other business while serving as panelists, subject to the Code of Conduct and provided that such business does not interfere with the performance of the panelist's duties. In particular, Annex 10–B.1 states that ''[w]hile acting as a panelist, a panelist may not appear as counsel before another panel.''

E. Procedures for Selection of Roster Members

Section 412 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 116–113, 19 U.S.C. 4582) establishes procedures for the selection by the U.S. Trade Representative on behalf of the United States of the individuals for inclusion on the Chapter 10 roster. The roster is renewed annually and applies during the one-year period beginning April 1 of each calendar year.

Under Section 412 of the Act, an interagency committee chaired by USTR prepares a preliminary list of candidates eligible for inclusion on the Chapter 10 roster. After consultation with the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means, the U.S. Trade Representative selects the final list of individuals for inclusion on the Chapter 10 roster.

F. Applications

USTR invites eligible individuals who wish to be included on the Chapter 10 roster for the period April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028, to submit applications. In order to be assured of consideration, USTR must receive your application by December 4, 2026. Submit applications electronically to *Regulations.gov*, using docket number USTR–2026–0562. For technical questions on submitting comments on *Regulations.gov*, please contact the *Regulations.gov* help desk at *regulationshelpdesk@gsa.gov* or 1.866.498.2945. If you are unable to submit through *Regulations.gov* after seeking assistance from the help desk, please contact Sandy McKinzy at 202.395.9483 before transmitting your application and in advance of the deadline.

In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of applications, USTR strongly encourages applicants to make on-line submissions, using *Regulations.gov*. To apply via *Regulations.gov*, enter docket number USTR–2026–0562 on the home page and click 'search.' The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting 'notice' under 'document type' on the left side of the search-results page, and click on the 'comment' link. For further information on using the *Regulations.gov* website, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on 'How to Use Regulations.gov' on the bottom of the page.

Regulations.gov allows users to provide comments by filling in a 'type comment' field, or by attaching a document using an 'upload file' field. USTR prefers that candidates submit applications in an attached document. If a document is attached, please type ''Application for Inclusion on USMCA Chapter 10 Roster'' in the 'upload file' field. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the 'type comment' field.

Applications must be typewritten, and should be headed ''Application for Inclusion on USMCA Chapter 10 Roster.'' Applications should include the following information, and each section of the application should be numbered as indicated:

1. Name of the applicant.
2. Business address, telephone number, fax number, and email address.
3. Citizenship(s).
4. Current employment, including title, description of responsibility, and name and address of employer.
5. Relevant education and professional training.
6. Spanish language fluency, written and spoken.

7. Post-education employment history, including the dates and addresses of each prior position and a summary of responsibilities.

8. Relevant professional affiliations and certifications, including, if any, current bar memberships in good standing.

9. A list and copies of publications, testimony, and speeches, if any, concerning AD/CVD law. Judges or former judges should list relevant judicial decisions. Submit only one copy of publications, testimony, speeches, and decisions.

10. Summary of any current and past employment by, or consulting or other work for, the Governments of the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

11. The names and nationalities of all foreign principals for whom the applicant is currently or has previously been registered pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act, 22 U.S.C. 611 *et seq.,* and the dates of all registration periods.

12. List of proceedings brought under U.S., Canadian, or Mexican AD/CVD law regarding imports of U.S., Canadian, or Mexican products in which the applicant advised or represented (for example, as consultant or attorney) any U.S., Canadian, or Mexican party to such proceeding and, for each such proceeding listed, the name and country of incorporation of such party.

13. A short statement of qualifications and availability for service on Chapter 10 panels, including information relevant to the applicant's familiarity with international trade law and willingness and ability to make time commitments necessary for service on panels.

14. On a separate page, the names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers of three individuals willing to provide information concerning the applicant's qualifications for service, including the applicant's character, reputation, reliability, judgment, and familiarity with international trade law.

G. Current Roster Members and Prior Applicants

Current members of the Chapter 10 roster do not need to resubmit their full applications. Current members of the Chapter 10 roster who remain interested in inclusion on the roster should submit a statement indicating that they are reapplying and submit any applicable updates to their applications on file. Individuals who previously have applied but have not been selected must submit new applications to reapply. If an applicant, including a current or former roster member, has previously submitted materials referred to in item 9 of the previous section, such materials need not be resubmitted.

H. Public Disclosure

Applications are covered by a Privacy Act System of Records Notice and are not subject to public disclosure and will not be posted publicly on *Regulations.gov.* They may be referred to other federal agencies and Congressional committees in the course of determining eligibility for the roster, and shared with foreign governments and the USMCA Secretariat in the course of panel selection.

I. False Statements

False statements by applicants regarding their personal or professional qualifications, or financial or other relevant interests that bear on the applicants' suitability for placement on the Chapter 10 roster or for appointment to binational panels, are subject to criminal sanctions under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Juan Millan,

Deputy General Counsel for Monitoring & Enforcement, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2026–3707]

Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for Exemption From Safety Vision, LLC

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA requests public comments on an application for exemption submitted by Safety Vision, LLC (Safety Vision) to allow motor carriers to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMV) equipped with Safety Vision's View Smart camera monitor system [1] (CMS) installed as an alternative to the two rear-vision mirrors required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA is required by statute to publish a notice explaining each exemption request. This notice does not indicate what decision FMCSA will ultimately reach on the request. After reviewing the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted, FMCSA will grant or deny the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2026–3707 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov.* See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.
- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA–2026–3707) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its exemption process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *www.regulations.gov,* as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL–14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at *https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices.* The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jose Moreno, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, FMCSA; *MCPSV@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2026–3707), indicate the specific section of this document to

[1] Safety Vision refers to this as a camera mirror system, however, FMCSA uses the terminology camera monitor system and for consistency in Agency documents will use that phrasing in processing the exemption application.