

be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Chiu, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA-5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

Stacy E. White,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 771]

Report: Alternatives to URCS

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeks written public comments on the independent report prepared by Laurits R. Christensen Associates, Inc. (Christensen Associates), entitled, *Alternatives to URCS*. The report may be accessed via the Board's website at www.stb.gov.

DATES: Comments are due by February 23, 2023. Replies to comments are due by May 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments and replies may be filed with the Board either via e-filing on the Board's website at www.stb.gov, or in writing addressed to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 771, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. Filings will be posted to the Board's website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Boyles at (202) 245-0336.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is authorized, under 49 U.S.C. 11161, to maintain cost accounting rules for rail carriers. In 1989, the Board's predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission, adopted the Uniform Railroad Costing System (URCS) as its general purpose costing system.

Adoption of the Unif. R.R. Costing Sys. as a Gen. Purpose Costing Sys. for All Regul. Costing Purposes, 5 I.C.C.2d 894 (1989). The Board uses URCS for a variety of regulatory functions. URCS is used in rate reasonableness proceedings as part of the initial market dominance determination, and at later stages is used in parts of the Board's determination as to whether the challenged rate is reasonable, and, when warranted, the maximum rate prescription. URCS is also used to, among other things, develop variable costs for making cost determinations in abandonment proceedings, to provide the railroad industry and shippers with a standardized costing model, to cost the Board's Carload Waybill Sample to develop industry cost information, and to provide interested parties with basic cost information regarding railroad industry operations.

In 2020 the Board commissioned Christensen Associates to perform a study and write a report to identify and evaluate alternatives to URCS that could be used as a replacement general purpose costing methodology to generate railroad-specific variable costs for regulatory purposes. That report has been completed and is posted on the Board's website at <https://www.stb.gov/reports-data/reports-studies/> and in this docket. The Board now seeks public comments and replies from all interested persons on the report's recommendations. The Board has not made any determinations on whether it will propose changes to its general purpose costing system. Given the preliminary and exploratory nature of this request for comments, the Board will not release supporting materials, such as the Confidential Carload Waybill Sample data or underlying workpapers developed by Christensen Associates, at this time. Should the Board move forward with a proposal to modify its general purpose costing system, a further opportunity for comment will be provided.

It is ordered:

1. Comments are due by February 23, 2023; reply comments are due by May 24, 2023.

2. Notice of this decision will be published in the **Federal Register**.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

Decided: October 21, 2022.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2022-0015]

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

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Invitation 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. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) invites applications from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

DATES: USTR must receive your application by November 30, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You should submit your application through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*regs.gov*), using docket number USTR-2022-0015. Follow the instructions for submitting comments below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Butler, Associate General Counsel, Philip.A.Butler@ustr.eop.gov, (202) 395-5804.

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