

PREFACE

There are more than just goods and services crossing North America's borders. AILA's *Immigration Practice Under NAFTA and Other Free Trade Agreements*, Third Edition, addresses the human side of the free trade agreements.

NAFTA allows the free flow of goods and services between Canada, the United States, and Mexico. In addition, there are rules regulating the flow of business professionals and workers who cross the borders during the course of business and for employment—as a result of free trade. Whether your client is a business or an employee of a business, having a reference guide that clearly and comprehensively discusses the broad concepts of NAFTA, the laws that impact its implementation, and the practical aspects of moving individuals between countries, is an invaluable reference tool.

There is no other publication available that offers such hands-on guidance. Along with *INS Inspector's NAFTA Handbook*, this volume presents comprehensive, critical information that will provide you with guidance in handling NAFTA cases and supply you with an overview of Canadian and Mexican laws from practitioners who know how important it is to share their knowledge and experience. We felt it was important to publish this Third Edition to cover the application of NAFTA since 9/11. The increased border security and increased scrutiny of applications (*i.e.*, CBP's involvement in adjudicating applications) has made the filing of NAFTA applications more difficult than before. We also have included an article on recent free trade agreements with Chile and Singapore, covering the use of the H-1B1 category.

Contributors to this publication include practitioners whose practices span all of North America—from Northern Canada to Southern Mexico. Our sincere appreciation goes to all of these individuals. We also would like to recognize those individuals in the AILA National Office, Tatia L. Gordon-Troy, Silvia S. Wang, and Kathy Frazier for their diligence and hard work in helping present to you a publication we all can be proud of. The result is a book that is a must for every immigration law library.

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