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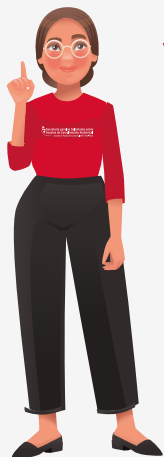
Welcome

To the Secretariat on Environmental Enforcement Matters of the United States – Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.



Background:

The Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA), also known as the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), was signed in 2006 and began operating in 2009. The Secretariat was created with this international treaty, in the Environment Chapter (Chapter 18).



What is the Secretariat?



The Secretariat is a mechanism for citizen participation on environmental matters. It receives and processes submissions from people or organizations regarding compliance with environmental laws. The Secretariat depends on the TPA Environmental Affairs Council.

What is the Environmental Affairs Council and what tasks do they have?

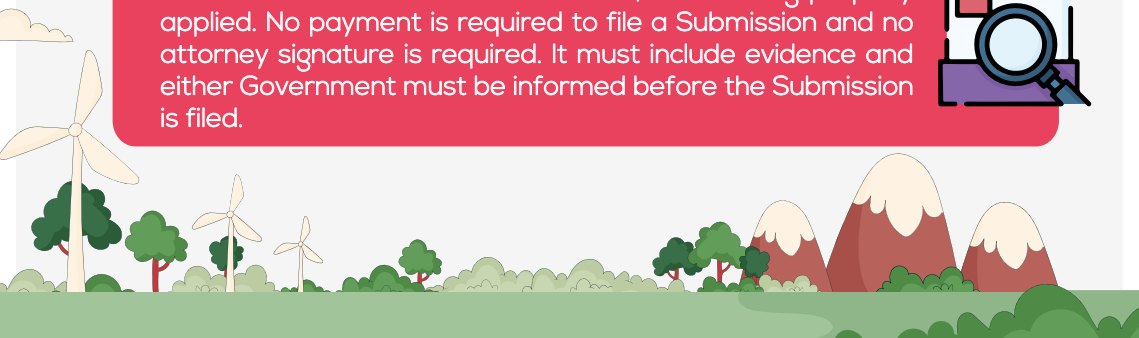
The Council is made up of 2 representatives from Peru and 2 representatives from the United States and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Environment Chapter of the TPA.

Who can file a Submission?

Any person or entity from Peru or the United States may file a Submission with the Secretariat.

What is a Submission for Environmental Enforcement?

It is a document that indicates that environmental law, whether in Peru or the United States, is not being properly applied. No payment is required to file a Submission and no attorney signature is required. It must include evidence and either Government must be informed before the Submission is filed.

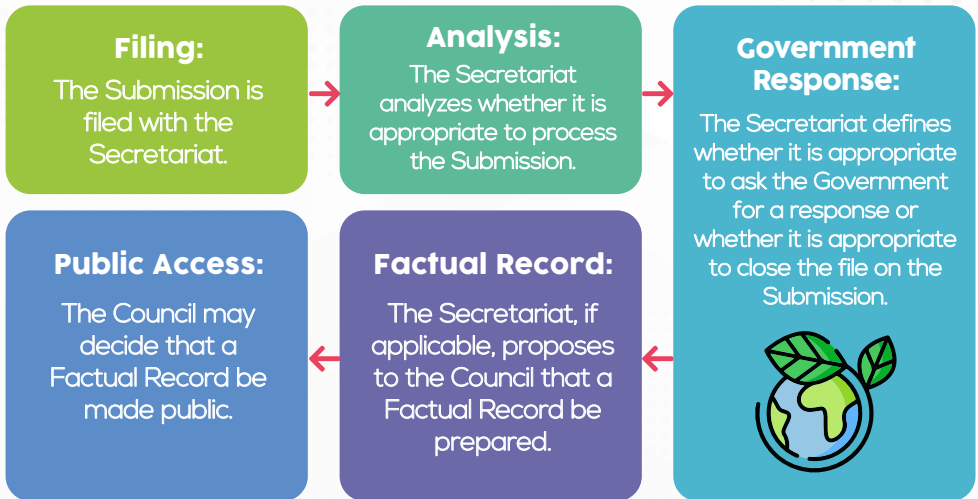


When is a Submission accepted for processing?

The Submission is accepted to be processed if it is written in English or Spanish; identifies that the submitter is a person or entity from one of the 2 countries; indicates the environmental law that is purportedly not being complied with; and identifies that the Submission promotes environmental enforcement.



Submissions Process:



Factual Record

What is it?

It is an objective and comprehensive analysis carried out by the Secretariat on information relevant to the subject matter of the Submission. The Environmental Affairs Council may make recommendations to the Environmental Cooperation Commission on matters related to the Factual Record including recommendations to monitor compliance with environmental law.

What is it not?

It is not a court, nor does it impose sanctions. It does not establish responsibilities in any of the countries nor does it provide for the payment of compensation for environmental damage.





Information booklet on the roles and functions of the Secretariat for Submissions on Environmental Enforcement Matters, within the framework of the United States – Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA).

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