

Canacar Alleges Violation of NAFTA

Mexican trade group files for arbitration for cross-border trucks

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The Mexican trucking trade group Canacar filed a notice of arbitration against the United States, alleging that cancellation of the cross-border trucking pilot program violated the North American Free Trade Agreement, eTrucking.com reported.

Canacar filed its notice on April 2, the online news source said. Last month Congress ordered that no fiscal 2009 money could be spent on the program, effectively killing it. Mexico responded with retaliatory tariffs affecting some \$2.4 billion in trade.

While they had heard of Canacar's action, several Washington sources, including the U.S. section of the NAFTA secretariat, said they had not seen the complaint.