

- Bilateral consultations have been held under Chapter 18 on cable retransmission rights (both U.S. and Canadian requests), fruit and vegetable labelling (U.S. request), lobsters (Canadian request), plywood (Canadian request), wines and spirits (U.S. request), and woollen textiles (Canadian request).

*** The Government has enhanced its trade development programs in the U.S. and Canadian business is taking advantage of new bilateral trade opportunities.**

- The Department of External Affairs and International Trade expects more than 10,000 small and medium-sized Canadian firms to participate in trade promotion programs in the U.S. during the 89/90 fiscal year.
- Trade promotion activity by Canadian exporters in the U.S. is being boosted by the opening of five new trade satellite offices (San Diego, Denver, Princeton, Miami, San Juan).
- A record 400 promotional events in the United States are being launched in the U.S. this fiscal year.
- New Canadian exporters have participated in 35 New Exporters to Border States Program (NEBS) missions this fiscal year and 10 more are being planned. Every region of the country has an active NEBS program.
- Eighteen NEXUS (New Exporters to U.S. South) missions have been completed since April 1 and four more are scheduled. A high ratio of success has been recorded in the initial NEXUS events.

*** It is too early to generate a definitive analysis of the economic impacts of the Free Trade Agreement. This is confirmed by ongoing interdepartmental monitoring and outside expert opinion.**

- The Government is monitoring developments in the Canadian economy, including the FTA, on an ongoing basis.
- The Informetrica design study on measuring FTA effects commissioned by the Department of External Affairs and International Trade confirms that it is premature to attempt an economic assessment at this early stage.