

## FOREWORD

This report is one in a series of publications dealing with the European Single Market being released by the Government of Canada. It reflects the research and analysis of one of the Government's Interdepartmental Working Groups on Europe 1992, established at the request of External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC), to assess the measures put into place by the European Community to complete its internal market.

The working groups were asked to analyze the EC legislation pertaining to their area of expertise and assess the potential impact that this legislation will have on the Canadian economy. To complete this task, they have been working in consultation with the Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade and with industry associations.

The working groups' reports do not represent the final position of the Canadian Government. They are working documents published to facilitate the Government's consultation with the provinces and the private sector and to disseminate technical information on the European Single Market. Their purpose is to assist Canadian businesses in preparing their own responses to the challenge of 1992.

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Readers should note that developments are occurring very quickly as the European Community moves to complete the Europe 1992 initiative. This report reflects available information as of May 1991.

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