

## Canada-Mexico agree to accelerate elimination of tariffs

International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew has announced that, effective January 1, 2001, Canada and Mexico have agreed to accelerate the elimination of tariffs on a number of products, an action that demonstrates the continuing success of the North American Free Trade Agreement in improving access to each other's markets.

Mexico has now eliminated tariffs for such products as batteries, certain pharmaceuticals and chemicals, while Canada has eliminated a number of very low tariffs (less than 2%) for certain chemicals, plastics, cosmetics, glues and coffee makers.

The estimated value of trade in qualifying goods between Canada and Mexico is \$207 million. Tariffs on qualifying goods traded between Canada and the United States have been duty-free since January 1, 1998.

For a complete list of qualifying trade products, visit the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Web site: [www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nafta-alena/report14-e.asp](http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nafta-alena/report14-e.asp)

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## World Bank's Project Appraisal Document on the Web

For a Canadian business that wants to become involved in bidding for a World Bank contract, the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) is a must-have document. Now PADs retroactive to January 1994 are being made available on the World Bank Web site. A new PAD will usually appear in the Web site about a week after the bank's Board of Directors have given their formal approval to a project.

To gain access to the PADs: Log on to the World Bank site ([www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)). In the "What We Do" menu on the homepage, click on "Projects". In the "Projects Search" menu, click on "Advanced Search". Select the "Countries" tab and scroll down to any particular country, e.g. China. Then go to the bottom of the page and click on the green "Search" button. In the "Project Search Results" window, select the project. This will provide you with a summary overview of the project and indicate the availability of all the documents. Click on the "Project Appraisal Documents" if it is available. A complete text of the PAD can be obtained using this approach.

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## New publication on Canadian mining suppliers

For more information about this new Natural Resources Canada report entitled *Canadian Suppliers of Mining Goods and Services: Links between Mining Companies and Selected Sectors of the Canadian Economy* see the on-line version of *CanadExport* at [www.infoexport.gc.ca/canadexport](http://www.infoexport.gc.ca/canadexport) and click on "Publications." The report is available on-line at [www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/publicat-e.htm](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/publicat-e.htm)

## New market reports

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## Correction!!!

In the January 15, 2001, issue of *Canadexport* on page 15, the e-mail address for the Canada-India Business Council should have read as: [info@canada-indiabusiness.ca](mailto:info@canada-indiabusiness.ca)