

"In pursuing its rights under the GATT, we expect the United States to abide by its GATT obligations," emphasized Minister Crosbie. Such obligations require that any retaliation must first be authorized by the GATT Contracting Parties.

Minister Crosbie pointed out that the U.S. is not initiating retaliation against the landing requirement. "It has always been our position that the U.S. should wait and see how the system works after the fishing season is underway. We do have provisions in both the GATT and the FTA to resolve disputes if there should subsequently be disagreements," said Minister Crosbie.

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