

in 1986, while exports from the US were slightly greater at \$13.5 billion.

The Canada-US Free Trade Agreement contains several elements of significance for Canada's engineering sector. The Agreement directly addresses such issues as temporary business travel and professional accreditation. The FTA also sets out a general principle that future new regulation in either country will not discriminate against service providers from the other country in those service sectors covered by the Agreement which include engineering, architectural and management consulting services. This will ensure a limitation to future barriers to services trade and secure the relatively free access that already exists in the North American services market. (More information on the significance of the FTA for the services sector can be obtained by contacting the Department of External Affairs or by consulting the document prepared by the Department entitled The Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and Services (1988).)