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## SUPPORT LEVELS AGREED TO UNDER CANADA-U.S.

### FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie announced today that Canada and the United States have reached agreement on calculations of support levels for wheat and barley in each country. Based on these calculations, import licences will continue to be required for U.S. wheat, barley and their products entering Canada.

Import licences will remain in place because calculations indicate that levels of government support for these grains are higher in the U.S. than in Canada.

Under Article 705 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA), support level calculations are to be done every year. Canadian import licences for grains and their products from the U.S. are to be removed if U.S. government support levels for each grain are equal to or less than Canadian government support levels. These calculations take into account both direct and indirect support.

In 1990, the calculations are as follows:

	Wheat	Barley
Canada	44.83%	29.18%
U.S.	45.80%	52.64%

Please refer to the attached backgrounder and tables for further information.

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