

"Canada has made serious efforts to reach a negotiated settlement with the U.S.," Mr. Wilson added. "Major changes have already been made by the provinces to their beer marketing practices. Remaining changes will be made before September 30, 1993, as Canada had agreed to do with the U.S. We consider these changes consistent with the GATT and the panel ruling."

The Minister also noted that U.S. federal and many state measures that discriminate against Canadian beer and wines were found to be inconsistent with the GATT. "We fully expect the U.S. to fulfil their own international trade obligations and indicate without delay how they will implement the GATT panel's findings," Mr. Wilson concluded.

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