

POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
A CANADA/U.S. TRADE AGREEMENT

Issue

In pursuing a trade agreement with the U.S., it will be important for Canada to identify the trade management functions required to implement its overall objectives and to negotiate an institutional framework to meet these needs. The underlying assumption is that in all instances such institutional arrangements will be binational in nature in order to provide both symbolically and in practice a management regime that reinforces Canadian sovereignty. Third countries would not be affected by the provisions of the bilateral agreement.

The paper does not address the question of domestic arrangements (e.g., federal-provincial and federal-state) which either country may find desirable in the implementation of the agreement.

Purpose

[ EXEMPT  
Sec. 15(1) ]