

In the course of the inquiry, the Tribunal will consider what impact different quota allocation methods have had -- or might have -- on the marketplace and the competitive behaviour of its participants; whether the method of allocating import quotas should vary among different agricultural products; and whether such methods should apply to supplemental import permits. The CITT will also consider these methods in light of Canada's international rights and obligations under bilateral and multilateral trade agreements.

The CITT will hold public hearings and provide an opportunity for oral and written submissions by all interested parties, including but not limited to those of supply management agencies, provincial commodities boards, domestic producers, processors and further processors, importers, wholesalers, retailers and consumers.

The Tribunal has been asked to submit its report within 14 months, including recommendations respecting the best method or methods of allocating import quotas on a national basis. The Tribunal has also been directed to provide recommendations on principles which ought to guide the allocation of import quotas in general.

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