

grown at an unprecedented rate in recent years. The Programme adversely affects Canadian suppliers of all sizes in all sectors and has been the source of increasing complaints of discrimination against Canadian firms. There is also a considerable amount of procurement being carried out by USA federal agencies not now covered by the GATT Agreement. Access to this market [REDACTED] would be of considerable benefit to Canadian companies in a number of sectors. Following are specific comments on the sectoral impact of pursuing national treatment with the USA on government procurement. EXEMPT
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However, the beneficial effects for Canada of any liberalization of federal "Buy America" restrictions could be impaired if the bilateral agreement is not designed to remove State procurement practices which could pose a serious problem in the future. Negotiating the removal of these barriers would be of great advantage to the Canadian industry.

35. The removal of the provincial procurement practices, as a result of such negotiation, would encourage the development of an integrated urban mass transit industry in Canada.

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