The changes will lead to a 25-per-cent reduction in the number of export permit applications. This will reduce the paper burden on exporters of industrial products falling under the controls, while concentrating those controls on military and sensitive strategic goods.

The Department of External Affairs, in cooperation with the Canadian Exporters' Association, is holding a series of seminars to explain the changes in export controls.

The seminars will be held across Canada during the month of March. All exporters who require export permits are urged to attend. For information on the seminars, contact the Export Controls Division of External Affairs (613) 996-2387 or the Canadian Exporters' Association (800)-267-7729, (613) 238-8888.

The seminar series dates and locations are:

Ottawa Tuesday, March 7 Skyline Hotel

Montreal Wednesday, March 8 Chateau Champlain Hotel

Toronto Thursday, March 9 Constellation Hotel

London Friday, March 10 Radisson Hotel

Halifax Monday, March 13 World Trade and Convention Centre

Winnipeg Monday, March 20 Westin Hotel

Edmonton Tuesday, March 21 Edmonton Convention Centre

Vancouver Wednesday, March 22 Hotel Vancouver

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