

INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
ADVISORY STRUCTURE

Structure

It is intended to establish an international trade advisory structure along the following lines. The structure will comprise two components. There will be an International Trade Advisory Committee that will concern itself with broad national issues relating to international trade access and marketing matters. Its members would be drawn from business, labour and other groups.

The other component in the structure will consist of a series of approximately 20 to 25 Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGIT). In contrast to the broader national interest committee, the sectoral groups will function more effectively if the participants are, and are recognized to be, representatives of the various business, labour or other interest groups involved in each sector.

Mandate

The principal role of the system is to provide a two-way flow of information between the government and private sector on international trade matters. The committee will address international trade access and marketing issues relating to both multilateral and bilateral trade matters. It will be called on to advise the government on Canadian objectives, priorities and strategies for multilateral and bilateral trade policy issues and negotiations. In addition, it will be asked to assess the impact of international trade negotiations and developments.

International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC)

The membership of this committee will be broadly representative and will respect regional, sectoral and demographic interests.

ITAC will comprise from 25 to 30 members, made up as follows: