SEMICONDUCTORS

The report on this sector concentrates on nine U.S. commodity groups which include transistors, diodes and rectifiers. More detailed U.S. market and tariff information and export-related leads for this product group are contained in the individual report for this sector. Highlights of the sector report are:

The U.S. Import Market

The table below shows the value of total U.S. imports for this sector in 1986 and the share of that market held by four exporting regions:

| Region | U.S. Import Market | |
|----------------|--------------------|------|
| • | U.S.\$ millions | % |
| Canada | 7.9 | 1.3 |
| Western Europe | 70.3 | 11.4 |
| Japan | 114.1 | 18.5 |
| Others | 424.0 | 68.8 |
| Total | \$616.3 | 100% |

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

Current U.S. tariffs on semiconductors range from 1% to 4.2%. Many items are currently duty free. Under the Free Trade Agreement, all items will become duty free by January 1, 1989.

SPECIALTY CHEMICALS

The report on this sector concentrates on one U.S. commodity group which includes items such as cyclic organic chemicals, acids, thiocarbonates and lactones. More detailed U.S. market and tariff information and export-related leads for this product group are contained in the individual report for this sector. Highlights of the sector report are:

The U.S. Import Market

The table below shows the value of total U.S. imports for this sector in 1986 and the share of that market held by four exporting regions:

| Region | U.S. Import 1 U.S.\$ millions | Market % |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Canada | 27.5 | 2,2 |
| Western Europe | 807.8 | 64.3 |
| Japan | 246.9 | 19.6 |
| Others | 174.7 | 13.9 |
| Total | \$1,256.9 | 100% |

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

Current U.S. tariffs range from 1.8% to 10.4%. Some items are also levied duties by weight. Under the Free Trade Agreement, all tariffs on these products will be reduced in five equal stages so that all become duty free by January 1, 1993.