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**O**pening Doors to the World: Canada's International Market Access Priorities, 1999 outlines the Government's priorities for improving access to foreign markets for Canadian traders and investors through a range of multilateral, regional and bilateral initiatives in 1999. It also presents significant market-opening results from 1998 that will benefit Canadian business. Subjects range from Canada's broad negotiating objectives at the World Trade Organization, to the details of specific bilateral trade irritants. It is not intended as an exhaustive catalogue of Government activities to improve access to foreign markets, nor as a comprehensive inventory of foreign barriers to trade or investment.

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