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The NAFTA obliges the Parties to review their government procurement provisions starting in 1998, with the intent to seek the possibility of further liberalization. This review provides the Canadian government another opportunity to consult with the Canadian specialty air services industry regarding this issue.

Note that a Canadian specialty air service company is not thereby excluded from bidding on, and winning government contracts in the U.S. and Mexico. In fact, Canadian companies have been successful in obtaining government contracts for their services in both the U.S. and Mexico. This reflects the fact that the Canadian specialty air service industry is highly regarded internationally and its expertise is in demand. However, a Canadian, U.S. or Mexican government body contracting for the services of a specialty air services company may continue to show preference for its own industry during the tender process.