

May 26

Further 10 members of Chapter 18 dispute-settlement panels announced.

May 30, 31

Canada and U.S. met to develop a common database of items to be considered for accelerated tariff elimination.

June 2

Canadian members of Automotive Select Panel met.

June 6

Canada and U.S. reached agreement on support levels for wheat, barley and oats in both countries.

June 14

Joint meeting of the Committee on Multilateral Trade Negotiations and the Committee on the Free Trade Agreement to discuss subsidies and trade remedies.

June 26

Canadian members of Automotive Select Panel met.

July 6

West Coast salmon and herring issue to FTA dispute-settlement panel in lieu of continuing to pursue issue through GATT.

July 15

Full list of requests for accelerated tariff elimination published.

July 24

Meeting of Technical Working Groups on food and agriculture.

July 27

Committee on the Free Trade Agreement meeting in Edmonton.

August 8, 9, 10

First binational meeting of Automotive Select Panel.

Going global: Competing in mega-markets

To succeed in today's global economy, Canadians must be competitive in the United States, the European Community and the Asia-Pacific region. These are the pillars of Canada's new trade-development strategy, which is designed to provide Canadian exporters new services and programs.

The first pillar of the new strategy is the United States. Exporters, especially small to medium-sized businesses which may be venturing into the U.S. market for the first time, will receive increased support from External Affairs and International Trade Canada, which is working closely with Industry, Science and Technology Canada and provincial governments.

The department has taken a number of initiatives to support export ventures into the U.S. market, including the following:

- stepping up its organization of trade shows and missions concerning the U.S. market to support increasing numbers of Canadian exporters who want to take advantage of the opportunities created by the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement;