

Seasonal duties are in effect in Canada for imports of most fresh fruit and vegetables. These duties are an essential element in ensuring that U.S. produce, at the end of the peak U.S. harvest season, does not exert excessive downward pressure on Canadian prices.

EXEMPT
Sec. 15 (1)

NON-TARIFF MEASURES:

Canada

In recent years, the U.S. Administration has indicated concerns in relation to Canadian non-tariff measures in three areas:

1. Fast-track surtax system which applies additional duties when increased volumes of U.S. produce are being sold on the Canadian market at depressed prices.
2. Requirement to sell into Canada on a firm price basis those produce types of a kind grown in Canada.
3. Regulations which prevent U.S. growers exporting in bulk when adequate domestic supplies are available.

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Marketing Orders

Marketing orders for fruits and vegetables provide for grade, size, quality and maturity restrictions as part of the means of improving markets and permitting more orderly marketing. Imports are not allowed unless they meet the comparable domestic market requirements. Although the import regulations are not set up as trade barriers, they accomplish the same purpose. The marketing orders try to ensure that poor quality produce does not drive customers away or unreasonably depress prices to growers. However, the marketing orders do not prohibit dumping of the poor quality produce in foreign markets.