

**RESOLUTION OF IRRITANTS
FACT SHEET**

The President and the Prime Minister today indicated that the two governments had resolved a number of irritants which had marred Canada-United States relations and frustrated traders and investors on both sides of the border. These include the following:

- Country-of-Origin Marking Requirements: The President is pursuing the necessary legislative steps to eliminate the trade-restrictive effect of a requirement in the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984 that all imported iron and steel pipes be physically marked in such a manner as to identify clearly the country of origin.
- Tax-Free Treatment of Certain Tourist Literature: The Prime Minister has today indicated that action will be taken to exempt from the federal sales tax tourist literature issued by national or state governments or departments thereof, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, municipal and automobile associations, and similar organizations, whether produced in Canada or imported. This should stimulate tourism in both Canada and the United States.
- Improved Administration of Quotas on Specialty Steel: Canada, at the request of the United States, agreed in 1983 to an orderly marketing arrangement in respect of specialty steel exports to the United States. Canada has complied with this arrangement, but Canadian shippers have experienced delays at the U.S. border as a result of U.S. Customs requirements. The President today indicated that steps will be taken to facilitate the shipment of Canadian specialty steel exported within the terms of the orderly marketing arrangement.
- Settlement of a Number of Outstanding Safeguards Issues: Over the years, Canada and the United States have both imposed temporary quotas, surcharges or extra duties to protect particular industries seriously injured by imports, as they adjust to changed competitive conditions.