

FAX MESSAGE

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RE: CANADIAN-CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Thank you very much for your letter. My comments are:

It is my personal belief that free trade agreements are in benefit for all parties no matter where you make them. Even though it is a small market, even also in my sector (export of agriculture products) I applaud and welcome these kind of agreements, specially because many Central American entrepreneurs will have a better reception to Canadian products, not only due to decrement of duties, but also because the psychological effect of an economy opening for both sides that will make them more comfortable to make new businesses with.

Best regards,

Juan Carlos Rico