

The Ministers also emphasized that extensive consultations with domestic industry will once again be conducted. The government will consult with individual companies, major industry associations, labour, provincial governments, the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC), and the Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGITs).

The Free Trade Agreement provides for the elimination, by January 1, 1998, of all tariffs on Canadian and U.S. goods traded between the two countries. Under the Agreement, tariffs were either removed at the time of implementation of the FTA or were scheduled to be phased-out in five or ten equal annual stages. The agreement reached last year to accelerate elimination of certain tariffs is expected to be implemented on April 1, 1990.

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