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PANELISTS NAMED FOR CANADA-U.S. LOBSTER TRADE DISPUTE

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie today announced that Canada and the U.S. have agreed on the composition of a five-member Panel to make recommendations to resolve the dispute over U.S. restrictions on Canadian live lobster exports.

The panel, the second to be formed under Chapter 18 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, will examine a U.S. law prohibiting the import of Canadian live lobsters that do not meet the U.S. federal size limit.

Mr. Crosbie instituted the dispute settlement proceedings in a Dec. 21, 1989, letter to U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills.

Both countries will soon make submissions to the Panel, which will provide its recommendations by May 15, 1990.

Canada has appointed Robert Latimer, a former senior trade official with External Affairs and International Trade Canada, and Simon Potter, a Montreal lawyer. The U.S. appointments are Mary Beth West, a professor at the University of New Mexico and former Washington lawyer, and Thomas Clingan, a professor at the University of Miami.

Bernard Norwood, an economic consultant and former senior advisor to the U.S. Trade Representative, was chosen, by lot, as Chairman.

The Panel will consider whether the law, signed by the U.S. President on December 12, 1989, is compatible with U.S. obligations under the Free Trade Agreement.

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