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## **MINISTER EMERSON TO MEET WITH APEC TRADE MINISTERS IN CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA**

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade, will visit Cairns, Australia from July 4 to 6, 2007. He will participate in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting of ministers responsible for trade on July 5 and 6.

The annual meeting is an opportunity for Canada to address key issues with other APEC members, such as trade liberalization and WTO negotiations.

Minister Emerson will also take the opportunity to meet one-on-one with several of his counterparts from APEC economies to discuss pertinent bilateral issues.

In 2006, nearly 85 percent of Canada's international trade, or \$707 billion, was with APEC member countries, and four of Canada's top five trading partners (the U.S., China, Japan and Mexico) are APEC members.

While in Australia, Minister Emerson will participate in a round table discussion in Sydney with representatives from key Canadian businesses that are active in Australia and New Zealand.

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