

Among the key ongoing activities associated with FTA implementation are preparatory work for negotiations on subsidies and trade remedies, an assessment of the North American auto industry by a private-sector panel, meetings of technical working groups on food and agriculture, and the accelerated elimination of tariffs.

Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement Implementation Milestones — 1989

December 30, 1988

Roster of panellists for FTA Chapter 19 proceedings announced.

January 1

Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement came into force.

January 6

Regulations required to implement Bill C-2 published in special issue of *Canada Gazette*.

January 11

Series of cross-Canada seminars mounted in conjunction with the Canadian Exporters' Association.

January 14

Rules of procedure for binational panels, code of conduct for panellists, etc., published in *Canada Gazette*.

January 25

First 15 members of Chapter 18 dispute-settlement panels announced.

February 1

Second series of cross-Canada seminars mounted in conjunction with the Canadian Exporters' Association.

February 10

International Trade Minister Crosbie met with U.S. Trade Representative Hills and they agreed to hold early meeting of Canada-U.S. Trade Commission.

March 4

Notice inviting requests for accelerated elimination of tariffs published in *Canada Gazette*.

March 6

First meeting of the federal-provincial Committee on the Free Trade Agreement.

March 13

First meeting of Canada-U.S. Trade Commission.

April

Third series of seminars focused on financial facilities to support exports to the U.S.

April 6

Automotive Select Panel announced.

April 17

Federal-provincial trade ministers' meeting.

April 19, 20

Canada-U.S. exchange of preliminary lists of items to be considered for accelerated tariff elimination.

May 4

Subsidies and Trade Remedies Working Group technical meeting.

May 17

Committee on the Free Trade Agreement meeting in Ottawa.