

- The tariff acceleration process was established by the two governments in response to representations made by Canadian and U.S. industries interested in faster tariff elimination. Interested parties were invited in February 1990 to submit specific requests. Nearly 500 applications were made to the Canadian and U.S. governments.
- On October 6, 1990, the consolidated list of requests received by the Canadian and U.S. governments was published in the *Canada Gazette*. During the domestic consultation period that followed, more than 650 written submissions were received by the government from industry associations, labour unions and individual firms. The government also solicited and received advice from its industry advisory groups, the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) and the Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGITs), and from provincial governments.
- On April 1, 1990, tariff reductions that resulted from the first round of accelerated tariff elimination consultations were implemented. The list of products included in the first round included more than 400 tariff items on each side covering approximately \$6 billion in two-way trade.
- In the Free Trade Agreement, Article 401.5 provides for accelerated elimination of tariffs subject to bilateral consultation.

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