Sectoral Annexes

The Chapter on Services also includes three special sectoral annexes which apply the prospective undertakings with greater definition to the specific sectors and provide direction for action when the Agreement comes into effect.

Architecture

The Architecture annex provides for mutual recognition of architects' professional qualifications and will facilitate the entry of Canadian architects into the U.S. market. It reflects an undertaking on the part of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and the American Institute of Architects to review existing licensing requirements and to seek standards acceptable to both. The Institutes will identify elements not related to architects' competence or ability which have the effect of creating barriers to trade in architecture and which could be removed. Canadian provincial and U.S. state regulators will be invited to review these proposals and make any necessary legislative changes to enable the agreed licensing standards to be brought into effect by the end of 1990. The annex on architecture will serve as a model for other professions in pursuing mutual recognition of professional qualifications under the Agreement.

Tourism

The Tourism annex defines trade in tourism and lists tourism-related services.

The non-discrimination obligation on services is applied to tourism services in order to secure the access currently enjoyed by tourists and by companies selling tourism services. Under the Agreement, any fees or departure taxes will be applied only on a national treatment basis; that is, if fees or departure taxes are applied, they will be the same for residents of both countries. As well, no limits may be imposed on expenditures by tourists, unless for reasons related to balance of payments.

The Tourism annex also establishes a Canada-U.S. tourism consultative mechanism to meet at least once a year to identify and seek to eliminate impediments to trade in tourism services and to find ways to facilitate and increase tourism.

An extensive range of tourism-related activities associated with the following services are subject to the Agreement. These include tourism-related activities such as travel counselling, hotel reservation services, lodging, local sight-seeing, intercity tour operators, guide/interpreter services, conventions, recreational vehicle rentals, financial services not provided by banks and transportation services. Although transportation services are excluded from the coverage of the Agreement generally, the tourism-related activities of transportation can be addressed by the consultative body if problems arise regarding tourismrelated activities.