

6.4.2.5 Quebec Industrial Development Corporation—Programme d'appui à la reprise (PREP)

PREP was a temporary program under which SDI provided guarantees on commercial bank loans. The program was active between 1992 and 1995, and was designed to assist small to medium-sized firms in Quebec experiencing liquidity problems as a result of the recession of the early 1990s.

The program was found not to be *de jure* specific. With regard to *de facto* specificity, the companies that obtained loan guarantees under PREP represented a large number of different industries. Neither Leclerc nor the wood products industry was a disproportionate user of the program. Commerce therefore determined that the program was not specific and had not conferred countervailable subsidies on Leclerc.

6.5 Programs Determined Not to be Used

- ◆ Capital Gains Exemptions
- ◆ Regional Investment Tax Credits
- ◆ Performance Security Services through Export Development Corporation
- ◆ Working Capital for Growth from the Business Development Bank of Canada
- ◆ St. Lawrence Environmental Technology Development Program
- ◆ Program for Export Market Development
- ◆ Canada–Quebec Subsidiary Agreement on the Economic Development of Quebec
- ◆ Quebec Stumpage Program
- ◆ Programs provided by the Quebec Industrial Development Corporation (SDI)
 - Article 7 Assistance
 - Export Assistance Program
 - Business Financing Program
 - Research and Innovation Activities Program
- ◆ Private Forest Development Program