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## QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 87 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

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POST : 431-HELSINKI

001-AGRI & FOOD PRODUCTS & SERVICE FINLAND

PLANNING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

IN STORE PROMOTION OF CONSUMER AND FOOD PRODUCTS IN FALL OF 1987.

REPORT EXPECTED EASING OF FINNISH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD PRODUCTS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SELECTED CANADIAN EXPORTERS.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

A GREATER FINNISH AWARENESS OF CANADIAN FOOD PRODUCTS; SOME INCREASE IN SALES.

PRODUCTS SOME INCREMSE IN SALES.

SOME INCREASE IN EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIAN SUPPLIERS.

TRACKING:

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 PROMOTE AND REPORT ON EXPECTED EASING OF FINISH

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL

PRODUCTS.

GUARTER: 2 COMPLETED "WHEAT AND COARSE GRAINS" REPORT,

"BERRY" REPORT AND "AGRICULTURE IN FINLAND"

REPORT.

QUARTER: 3 REPORT EXPECTED EASING OF FINNISH IMPORT RE-

STRICTIONS ON FOOD PRODUCTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

& SELECTED CDN EXPORTERS.

QUARTER: 3 IN-STORE PROMOTION OF CONSUMER & FOOD PRODUCTS.

QUARTER: 4 ----

QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

NO PROGRESS ACHIEVED. FINNISH AUTHORITIES HAVE DISALLOWED USE OF CDN MUSTARD IN MEAT PROCESSING INDUSTRY. POST WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE ACTION REVERSED.

BETTER KNOWLEDGE IN CANADA OF FINNISH FOOD PRODUCTS MARKET.

MONITORED & REPORTED ON CROP FAILURE & SUBSE-QUENT TEMP. LIFTING OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN PROD. ATTENDED ANUGA FAIR IN COLOGNE WHERE IN-FORMED CDN EXPORTERS OF ABOVE & INCREASED EXPORT POSS. ASSISTED LOCAL IMPORTER TO OVERCOME RESTRIC

CANCELLED PROMOTION DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER NORDIC POSTS.