

NAFTA AND NOVA SCOTIA

WHAT'S IN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMY

- ◆ Immediate elimination of Mexican tariffs on fish and shellfish, including Atlantic salmon, crab, hake, haddock, and dried and smoked fish.
- ◆ Five-year Mexican tariff phase-out for lobster, scallops, mussels and oysters, and prepared and processed fish.
- ◆ Elimination of the Mexican import licence for lobster.
- ◆ Immediate elimination of Mexican tariffs on coal, railway rolling stock and parts, and a variety of industrial machinery and equipment -- all export interests for Nova Scotia.
- ◆ Import quotas maintained for supply managed egg, poultry and dairy sectors.
- ◆ Improved access to Mexico for apples, blueberries and processed food.
- ◆ Improved rules of origin for many types of electronic and electrical products.
- ◆ Clearer rules for ship repairs of U.S. vessels in Canadian shipyards.
- ◆ Increases in the apparel and textiles quotas, giving preferential access to the U.S. market for Canadian goods that do not meet the new rules of origin.
- ◆ Ten-year tariff phase-out for apparel imports from Mexico; eight years for textiles.
- ◆ Strong commitment to sustainable development, environmental protection and conservation. Recognition that NAFTA countries should not lower environmental standards to attract investment.
- ◆ Improved access to the developing Mexican market for professional services, including management, engineering, accounting and legal services.
- ◆ Provincially regulated professions encouraged but not forced to recognize credentials from other NAFTA countries.
- ◆ Rules to ease the temporary entry of business people and duty exemption for their accompanying products and equipment.
- ◆ Better access to government procurement contracts for suppliers of goods and industrial equipment, services and construction. Provincial and municipal procurement is not included in the NAFTA.
- ◆ Dispute settlement procedures have been strengthened and improved, including institutional provisions to limit the possibility of unilateral actions.