

1998. Third parties, including Canada, received a copy of the final report on September 18, 1998, indicating that Korea's liquor tax system was inconsistent with GATT's Article III.

7. Chile - Taxes on Alcoholic Beverages

A WTO panel was established, at the EC's request, concerning Chile's taxes on alcoholic beverages on November 19, 1997; Canada reserved its third party rights. Since the establishment of this panel, Chile has amended its liquor law in question. Consequently, both the U.S. and the EC asked for a new round of consultations, initiating a new dispute settlement process. Acting upon another EC request, a panel was established to take up the already established EC/Chile panel regarding the same matter (previous panel dealt with old legislation, this panel request deals with the new legislation). Canada, Peru and the U.S. reserved their third party rights. Mexico intervened to note its interest in this matter but it did not reserve its third party rights. Peru also intervened to express its interest (especially with regard to how it affects pisco) and requested that the panel also deal with various TRIPS issues. Chile responded by pointing out that the TRIPS provisions were not in the EC's requests for the establishment of a panel and, therefore, the panel would have no mandate to deal with these issues. A panel was constituted on June 25, 1998, and Canada's third party submission must be filed by October 1, 1998.

b) NAFTA Chapter 19 Cases Involving Canada

Reviewing Agency Determinations

1. Rolled Steel Plate from Canada

This case involves a SECOFI final anti-dumping duty determination on rolled steel plate originating in or exported from Canada which was appealed by Canadian producers. The panel decision was issued on December 17, 1997. The panel unanimously affirmed in part and remanded in part the agency's determination.

2. Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Canada

This case involves a U.S. Department of Commerce final anti-dumping determination on corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Canada. The panel was established on September 9, 1997. The panel decision was issued on June 4, 1998, remanding the matter to the U.S. Department of Commerce. A determination on remand was filed with the panel on September 3, 1998. Any participant who intends to challenge the determination on remand had up to September 23, 1998 to do so.