

Comments will be accepted until November 2, 1992, after which proposals enjoying broad industry support will be discussed by Canada and the United States. The target for implementing changes to the tariff schedules is the spring of 1993.

The FTA provides for the elimination of all tariffs on Canadian and U.S. goods by 1998. Tariffs for some categories of goods were removed when the Agreement came into force on January 1, 1989. Other tariffs are being phased out in 5 or 10 equal annual stages.

The FTA also provides for accelerated elimination of duties on particular items in the FTA tariff schedule, subject to agreement between the two governments. The results of the first round of accelerated tariff elimination was implemented on April 1, 1990, and the second round on July 1, 1991.

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