

provisions under Chapter 19 of the Act should eventually replace the judicial review by domestic courts of countervailing and anti-dumping. (Countervail is a tariff applied to goods from another country where the industry is supported by government subsidy.)

Trade remedy actions were taken on a number of items by both Canada and the United States during the past year. Canada is challenging the United States on its findings of dumping and subsidies with regard to Canadian steel and pork.

Canada and the United States continued to pursue their GATT rights and invoke dispute settlement procedures when appropriate.

Canada remains the only major steel supplier to the United States

not subject to a Voluntary Restraint Agreement.

The export charge of 15 per cent has been either eliminated or significantly reduced on more than 80 per cent of Canada's softwood lumber product exports to the United States.

The Canada-U.S. Trade Commission, which oversees the operation of the FTA, meets on a biannual basis to review progress and discuss trade issues. The Commission, consisting of International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie and U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills, has met on three occasions, and both members have expressed satisfaction that implementation is proceeding in a constructive and balanced fashion.

J. EXPORT CONTROLS

The Export Control List was revised and updated for the first time in 16 years by the Export Controls Division, thereby reducing redundant and dated controls on many products.

The Division issued numerous General Export Permits, which allow the export of controlled goods in certain circumstances without the requirement to obtain an Individual Export Permit. Streamlining the export control requirements has reduced by

40 per cent the number of permits issued in the past year.

As a member of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Strategic Export Controls, the Division introduced recommendations for relaxed controls to Eastern Europe, and also presented individual proposals for streamlining control lists. In addition, the Division organized and implemented seminars on High Technology Exports to Eastern Europe, which