

d) Federal-Provincial Considerations

48. It is highly unlikely that Canadian objectives in the USA procurement market would be achievable without participation by several provincial governments which are major purchasers.

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Secs 15(1) AND 14

A federal - provincial arrangement in this area could also contribute significantly to the reduction or elimination of procurement barriers within Canada.

49. Given that, from the perspective of international law

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Secs. 15(1)
21(1)(a)
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52. Provincial governments have been consulted regularly in respect of the negotiations to expand the GATT Agreement and of bilateral discussions with the United States. The Provinces are aware that provincial participation is essential to obtaining greater access to the USA procurement market. No Province, however, has indicated a willingness to participate by accepting discipline on procurement practices. The Provinces have also shown interest in the concept of a federal-provincial procurement agreement which would also deal with interprovincial barriers.