
Government Procurement

Canada and the United States agree to expand access of each other's suppliers to purchases by governments at the federal level, building on the GATT Government Procurement Code. The coverage of the Code will be broadened to purchases between US \$25,000 (about Can \$33,000) and US \$171,000 (Can \$238,000). Further bilateral negotiations will be resumed once the GATT Code is renegotiated.

Trade in Services

The Agreement provides, for the first time, a set of disciplines covering many service sectors. In the future, both governments will extend the principles of national treatment, right of commercial presence and right of establishment, consistent with the investment chapter, to each other's providers of services. Sectoral annexes spell out these obligations for Tourism, Architects, and Computer and Enhanced Telecommunications Services.

Financial Services

The Agreement preserves the access that Canadian and U.S. financial institutions have to each other's markets and opens new areas of competition in securities underwriting and banking.

Cultural Industries

Cultural industries are explicitly exempted from the Agreement.

Temporary Entry for Business Purposes

Business persons trading in goods and services will benefit from improved and easier border crossing.

Investment

The two governments agree to provide national treatment in future to each other's investors and will not impose export, local content, local sourcing or import substitution requirements on each other's investors. Existing laws, regulations and published policies are grandfathered. The Canadian threshold for the review of U.S. direct acquisitions will be raised to Can \$150 million by 1992. Review of U.S. indirect acquisitions will be phased out over the same period.