

be used. However in the 1995–1996 review period, the program was determined to confer a subsidy of C\$0.0008 per kilogram.

4.3.3.9 Saskatchewan Hog Assured Returns Program (SHARP)

SHARP provided income stabilization payments to hog producers when market prices fell below a designated “floor price,” which was calculated quarterly. The program was funded by levies from participating producers on the sale of hogs covered by the program; they ranged from 1.5% to 4.5% of market returns, and were matched by the provincial government. When the balance in the SHARP account was insufficient to cover payments to producers, the provincial government provided financing on commercial terms. The principal and interest on these loans was to be repaid from producer and provincial government contributions. SHARP was terminated on March 31, 1991. Commerce found the SHARP program to be *de jure* specific and thus countervailable because the legislation expressly made the program available only to a single industry (hog producers).

SHARP was found countervailable in administrative reviews for the periods of 1991–1992, 1992–1993, 1993–1994 and 1994–1995.

4.3.4 Other Provincial Programs

4.3.4.1 Alberta Crow Benefit Offset Program

This program was designed to compensate producers and users of feed grain for market distortions in feed grain prices. Assistance was provided for feed grain produced in Alberta, feed grain produced outside Alberta but sold in Alberta, and feed grain produced in Alberta to be fed to livestock on the same farm where it was produced. The program was terminated on March 31, 1994, and there were no residual benefits. Commerce found the program to be *de jure* specific and thus countervailable because the legislation expressly made it available only to a specific group of enterprises or industries (producers and users of feed grain). It was found countervailable in administrative reviews for the periods of 1991–1992, 1992–1993, 1993–1994 and 1994–1995.

4.3.4.2 Alberta Livestock and Beeyard Compensation Program

This program was found countervailable in administrative reviews for the periods of 1991–1992, 1992–1993 and 1993–1994. The program compensated Alberta livestock producers for losses of food-producing livestock (including cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, rabbits and poultry) to predators. The Alberta Department of Agriculture administered the program and provided assistance in the form of grants compensating farmers for up to 100% of the value of the livestock.