

d) The **1995 Canada-EU Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation** was amended to cover all sectors, including biotechnology.

- In 1998, Canada worked with other members of the **WTO Agreement to Eliminate Duties on Specified Pharmaceutical Products** to extend duty-free trade to more products, including inputs. This effort met with success, and 639 additional items were agreed to; implementation is scheduled for July 1, 1999.
- In December 1998, the WTO's Council for Trade in Services adopted the **Disciplines on Domestic Regulation in the Accountancy Sector**. This is the first step in the development of the General Agreement on Trade and Services disciplines on domestic regulation of services.
- In 1998, the government released its second annual report on international market access priorities. The report outlines priorities for improving access to foreign markets for Canadian business. It describes how Canada intends to continue its efforts to improve access for goods, services and investments in key markets.

#### **4. Export Capability and Preparedness**

##### *Engaging partners in exporter preparation*

- Following its official launch by Ministers Marchi, Manley and Vanclief in October 1997, Team Canada Inc celebrated the first full year of operation in 1998. Building on the spirit of partnership

which has been key to the success of the Team Canada trade missions, in 1998 the Team Canada Inc partnership grew to include the following 20 federal departments and agencies:

- ▶ Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- ▶ Industry Canada
- ▶ Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- ▶ Statistics Canada
- ▶ Western Economic Diversification
- ▶ Environment Canada
- ▶ Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
- ▶ Revenue Canada
- ▶ Canada Economic Development for Quebec Region Agency
- ▶ Canadian Heritage
- ▶ Indian and Northern Development
- ▶ Transport Canada
- ▶ Canadian Commercial Corporation
- ▶ Natural Resources Canada
- ▶ Export Development Corporation
- ▶ CIDA
- ▶ Canada Mortgage and Housing
- ▶ National Research Council of Canada
- ▶ Human Resources Development
- ▶ National Farm Products Council

- In 1998, Industry Canada and its partners refined and revitalized National Sector Teams to focus on 12 high-performance **Trade Team Canada Sectors (TTCSs)**. Through these TTCSs, government and industry worked together with posts abroad to plan and implement hundreds of trade promotion activities in Canada's key markets.

- Now in their fourth year of operation, **Regional Trade Networks** streamline trade and export service delivery by linking federal and provincial departments and agencies and the private sector at the local level. The Networks are guided by