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CANADA-MEXICO ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY AND PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

The Minister of State (International Trade), the Honourable Gerald A. Regan, and the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Eugene Whelan, announced the recent signing of the Canada-Mexico Arrangement for the Supply and Purchase of Agricultural Commodities. His Excellency Héctor Hernández Cervantes, Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Development, signed on behalf of Mexico.

The Arrangement for the Supply and Purchase of Agricultural Commodities provides an umbrella to facilitate the sale by Canada of specified agricultural products. For Mexico, the arrangement assists Mexico in obtaining essential food products. This arrangement renews one signed in February, 1981.

Under the terms of the arrangement, frequent discussions between Canadian and Mexican officials are envisaged. These meetings would focus on Mexican food requirements and Canada's ability to supply these. The products covered by the agreement are wheat, barley, skim milk powder, canola oil and seeds, corn, soybean and sunflower.

The previous arrangement was highly effective in facilitating the flow of Canadian agricultural goods to Mexico and in assisting the identification of Mexican requirements and Canadian ability to meet these.

The signing of this arrangement represents one activity of the Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee which met in Ottawa November 1 - 2. The Joint Ministerial Committee was established in 1968 to expand relations between Canada and Mexico.

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