

Tariff elimination is one of the key accomplishments of the FTA. All tariffs will be removed by January 1, 1998. Currently, about one-third of Canadian fish products entering the U.S. are subject to duty. Conversely, about 15 percent of Canadian imports from the U.S. face a duty. Some tariffs will be eliminated immediately, some in five equal annual steps, and some in ten years.

Highlights of the tariff elimination schedule for key fishery products are shown in the following table:

	Canada Duty Rate %	U.S. Duty Rate %
Immediate		
Fresh/frozen flatfish (excluding fillets)	free	1.1(¢/kg)
Fish meal	5	0 to 6
Fish oil	7.3 to 7.5	0 to 5
Five Years		
Fresh/frozen groundfish fillets	free	4.1(¢/kg) or 6
Salmon	3	3 to 12
Clams	10	3.5 to 14
10 Years		
Tuna	7 to 14	1.1(¢/kg) or 35
Fish sticks	11	10 to 15
Prepared meals	6 to 17.5	10
Sardines	2(¢/kg) or 11	2.5 to 20
Herring	8	4 to 8
Crab	8 to 8.2	5 to 11