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MINISTERS PETERSON AND MITCHELL TO TRAVEL TO GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

International Trade Minister Jim Peterson and Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Andy Mitchell will travel to Geneva, Switzerland, to participate in a meeting of more than 20 World Trade Organization (WTO) ministers from November 8 to 9, 2005.

The ministers will seek to promote Canada's objectives in a vital round of talks in order to advance all areas of the Doha Development Agenda. These talks will take place as WTO members prepare for the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong in December 2005.

"The next week will be a critical time for the Doha Development Round—by the end of the week, we will know if there will be a straight road to Hong Kong, or if negotiations will face even more obstacles," said Minister Peterson. "Canada will remain firm in ensuring an outcome that is in the best interest of Canadians."

"The Government of Canada will continue to seek a level international playing field so that all producers are able to compete and trade fairly, while ensuring prosperity for Canadian producers and their families," said Minister Mitchell.

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