

Minister Carney indicated that the Government would be reviewing carefully the basis on which the Commerce Department made its findings of dumping and will continue to work closely with the industry, their legal counsel and the provinces concerned to provide what assistance is appropriate in preparing for the final dumping determination in November. The Minister indicated that "we will be reviewing the Commerce decision particularly with a view to ensuring that it is consistent with the United States' obligations under the GATT. If representations are appropriate they will be made".

Minister Carney noted that trade disputes like potash are almost unavoidable under the present rules governing a trading relationship as large and diverse as that between Canada and the United States. She commented "This case is a graphic illustration of why the Government has placed such a high priority on the need for a comprehensive bilateral trade agreement with the U.S. to provide better rules for the conduct of our trade".