



These issues will pose a real challenge for Canada and for every WTO member. In Canada, other elements of the trade agenda will continue to move forward:

- advancing our regional and bilateral trade negotiations: the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA); free-trade negotiations with El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; with the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM); with Singapore; and with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries — Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein;
- defending Canada's interests in trade disputes;
- following up on Canada's ambitious international trade and investment development program.

In all of this, the Government of Canada will carefully manage the issues raised by shared jurisdictions within this country and by the presence of multiple stakeholders, prepare for hard decisions on the country's remaining protected sectors, and ensure that our capacity to make domestic policy choices is preserved.

The Government will manage all of these initiatives while at the same time sustaining and strengthening domestic support through consultations with Parliament, the provinces and territories, business, non-governmental organizations and the public at large. And perhaps most importantly, the Government will expand its dialogue and information-sharing with Canadians in general on a subject that is becoming more and more complex and, at the same time, more and more important to each and every one of us.

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