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### WILSON TO MEET PROVINCIAL TRADE MINISTERS ON DECEMBER 6

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will meet with provincial and territorial ministers responsible for trade in Ottawa, on Friday, December 6. The meeting will take place in the Conference Centre at the Lester B. Pearson Building.

"We are meeting to discuss the latest developments in the multilateral trade negotiations and to review the current status of negotiations towards a North American Free Trade Agreement," Mr. Wilson said. The Ministers will also discuss provincial beer-marketing practices, focusing on the recent General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Panel report.

"International trade is important to every region of Canada, generating one out of every three jobs," the Minister added. "It is vital that the provinces and territories play an active role in developing and pursuing Canada's trade interests. Meetings such as this are an essential part of our consultative network." Friday's meeting is part of an ongoing consultation. Mr. Wilson hosted the last meeting in Ottawa last July.

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