

MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

1995 TRADE EVENTS

January 1	Entry into force of the World Trade Organization (WTO)
January 16	Mr. MacLaren appoints new chairpersons and announces restructuring of the Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGITs)
January 18	Speech "The Walls of Jericho Fall Down" to the University of Toronto's Centre for International Business outlines Canada's trade policy for the 21st century
January 19-30	Mr. MacLaren accompanies Prime Minister Chrétien and more than 200 business representatives in a major trade mission to six Latin American and Caribbean countries
February 7	Mr. MacLaren and Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet table the Government's new Foreign Policy Statement, making the promotion of prosperity and employment through international trade one of three Canadian priorities
February 15	Canada's Export Strategy for 1995-96 released, laying out government strategies and activities in support of international business development
February 16-17	Norwegian Minister of Trade and Shipping visits Canada
February 17	Canada and Korea sign a Memorandum of Understanding on Investment Co-operation
February 21	Canada withdraws tariff concessions on certain products of export interest to the European Union, pending negotiations of permanent compensation resulting from the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to the EU
February 26-March 17	Mr. MacLaren visits Japan, Australia and New Zealand to promote stronger trade and investment ties
March 7	New Zealand lifts ban on Canadian salmon imports
March 14	Mr. MacLaren announces during visit to Australia that Canada and Australia will begin negotiations on a bilateral trade and investment arrangement
March 29	Speech to the Economic Strategy Institute, Washington, D.C.