

SECTORAL ADVISORY GROUPS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

CHAIRPERSONS' BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Agriculture, Food and Beverage

Chairman: Dr. Benoit Lavigne
Agriculture Consultant

Born in Gentilly, Quebec, Dr. Lavigne graduated in agricultural economics from the Wisconsin University in 1954. Most of Dr. Lavigne's career has been with the Quebec government with one notable exception from 1962 to 1964 when he was professor and founding-director of the Department of Agricultural Economics of Laval University. From 1966 to 1970, Dr. Lavigne was Associate Deputy Minister in the Quebec Department of Agriculture, and subsequently was appointed President, Régie des marchés agricoles du Québec. During his distinguished career, Dr. Lavigne has been closely involved in the establishment, among other things, of the Livestock Feed Board of Canada and the Canadian Dairy Commission. Dr. Lavigne currently works as an agricultural consultant.

Fish and Fish Products

Chairman: Mr. Victor L. Young
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Fishery Products International Limited

A native of St. John's, Newfoundland, Mr. Young studied at Memorial University and the University of Western Ontario. He spent most of his career with the Newfoundland government. Joining the Treasury Board of the Government of Newfoundland in 1968, he was appointed Deputy Minister four years later. In 1976, Mr. Young was appointed Special Advisor to the Premier while retaining his position at Treasury Board. In 1978, he was appointed Chairman of the Hydro Corporate Group and assumed the responsibilities of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of both Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation. In November 1984, Mr. Young was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fishery Products International Limited, Canada's largest integrated fish harvesting and processing company.