

HOW DOES THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AFFECT FINANCIAL SERVICES?

- The Agreement will allow Canadian banks and other financial institutions to underwrite and deal in Canadian Government-backed securities in the U.S.
- Canadian financial institutions will be treated the same as U.S. banks with respect to any changes in U.S. legislation (Glass-Steagall Act) governing the relationship between the banking and securities industries.
- U.S. financial institutions will be treated the same as Canadian institutions when purchasing shares of Canadian-controlled financial institutions.

HOW DOES THE FTA BENEFIT FINANCIAL SERVICES?

- The FTA will preserve Canada's access to U.S. financial markets.
- In addition to securing access to the U.S. market, it provides for mutual commitment to liberalize financial markets and extend benefits to each other as each country liberalizes.