
Dispute Settlement

The dispute settlement mechanism will provide for the impartial application of respective trade remedy laws. Either country may seek a review of an anti-dumping or countervailing duty determination by a bilateral panel with binding power which will determine whether existing laws were applied correctly and fairly. Also, both countries have agreed that changes to existing antidumping and countervailing laws will apply to each other only following

consultation and only if specifically provided for in the new legislation. Under the Agreement, Canada and the United States will develop new rules on subsidy practices within seven years of the Agreement coming into effect. The combined effect of these changes will be to ensure that Canadian firms will have not only more open access, but also more secure and predictable access to the U.S. market.