

On the basis of the above process, the following products and product groups were selected to be the subject of this report:

- Non folding chairs of wood, nspf (Schedule A 8218065)
- Furniture of wood, nspf (Schedule A 8218070).
- Furniture and parts thereof, nspf (Schedule A 8218090).

U.S. IMPORTS 1982-87

A breakdown of 1986 imports of furniture by country is presented in Appendix 4. Of these markets Canada achieved shares of 15.5%, 28.1% and 39.4%, respectively. The estimated share for 1987 is 20.9%, 33.3% and 37.7%, respectively.

The trend in imports for the total of these product groups are shown in Chart 1, below. Canada has maintained its market share while imports more than trebled between 1982 and 1987. Imports from Japan are dropping and those from Europe are levelling off. Much of the growth in the import market has been absorbed by other countries such as Taiwan. However, Taiwan's loss of benefits under the Generalized System of Preferences (effective July 1, 1987) is contributing to higher prices for Taiwanese furniture and possible loss of U.S. markets. Charts for each individual product group are provided in Appendix 5.