

It was recognized that there were a variety of reasons why, in certain situations, the rise in price of imported goods would not translate into significant opportunities for Canadians to export into the U.S. market. These included:

- Other attributes of the commodity outweigh considerations of price, i.e., quality, design, etc.
- The commodity is an input into a final product and the value of the input relative to the final product is minimal.
- A long-term supply relationship has been established between the U.S. purchaser and current exporters whereby the U.S. customer relies on the exporter's proven ability to respond quickly to needed changes.
- The U.S. purchaser is a captive customer of the parent company.
- The U.S. purchaser is restricted by license from buying other suppliers' goods.
- Domestic sourcing is a viable option.
- The imported commodity is a luxury good with relatively non-price sensitive demand.

Therefore, the questionnaire was also designed to determine the extent to which these and other factors may restrict the opportunities identified by the statistical analysis.