

## Backgrounder

### GATT PANEL ON DUMPING OF U.S. BEER INTO BRITISH COLUMBIA

- In October 1991, following a complaint by Canadian beer producers, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) found that certain U.S. beer exported to British Columbia had been causing and was likely to continue to cause material injury to the production of beer in British Columbia.
- Subsequently, on June 3, 1992, the United States requested the establishment of a Panel under Article 15:5 of the GATT Anti-Dumping Code to review the CITT determination.
- On February 15, 1994 the Panel's decision was released confidentially to Canada and the United States to provide the two Parties with time to arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution to this dispute.
- As a result of bilateral consultations, Canada and the United States agreed, on April 29, 1994, that a review by the CITT of the 1991 decision under Section 76 of the Special Import Measures Act would constitute a mutually satisfactory solution to the matter.
- The Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance, will be requesting the CITT to undertake such a review.