

CANADA-U.S. TRADE COMMISSION

FIFTH MEETING

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

AUGUST 18, 1991

BINATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The Commission received the report of the Binational Secretariat. The number of countervailing duties and dumping cases under Chapter 19 was twelve in 1989 and four in 1990. Three cases have been filed in 1991, one of which was withdrawn. In addition, the Extraordinary Challenge Committee was formed to review the U.S. International Trade Commission's determination involving fresh, chilled and frozen pork from Canada.

The Commission agreed to a process to amend Chapter 19 Rules that will be submitted to it by the Binational Legal Working Group, which is currently working on the amendments. The Commission is pleased with how the FTA dispute settlement process is working to resolve differences between Canada and the U.S.

SUBSIDIES AND TRADE REMEDIES WORKING GROUP

The Commission accepted the Working Group's recommendation that Canada and the U.S. await the outcome of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations before deciding what further work needs to be done to fulfill obligations set out in Articles 1906 and 1907.

THE JOINT MONITORING REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL WORKING GROUPS

This report outlines the varying degrees of progress made by the technical working groups examining regulations and standards affecting agricultural and fishery trade between Canada and the U.S. The Commission is pleased with the progress made to date and recognizes that its work programs have long-term objectives.

TARIFF ACCELERATION ELIMINATION

The Working Group on Tariff Acceleration reported that Round Two of Accelerated Tariff Reduction was provisionally implemented as planned on July 1, 1991. These accelerated tariff reductions affect approximately C\$2 billion in two-way trade and over 200 products. Since 1989, the two countries have implemented accelerated reductions on some C\$8 billion in bilateral trade, at the request of the Canadian and U.S. private sectors.