WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM CANADIANS DOING BUSINESS ABROAD...

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade consults Canadians on market access issues and international business development through a variety of means. For instance, the Trade Commissioner Service has regular meetings with national, regional and sectoral industry and trade associations, as well as with provinces, to seek their views on how to improve the delivery of its programs and services. Moreover, several of the Department's trade promotion initiatives are undertaken jointly with industry and trade associations.

In view of the Government of Canada's strong commitment to ensure that all Canadians continue to have input into the country's overall trade agenda, the Department has established broad-based consultations with all interested Canadians to identify Canada's trade policy objectives. Canadians are also encouraged to use the Department's Trade Negotiations and Agreements Web site (*www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/tna-nac/*), where up-to-date information on Canada's trade policy agenda is posted and input is sought.

We particularly welcome direct input from Canadian exporters and investors describing barriers they have encountered in foreign markets. Individual companies, industry associations and other interested organizations are encouraged to contact the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade with specific information on tariff or non-tariff barriers and other business irritants. Business people are invited to report any problems they are experiencing by communicating in strictest confidence to:

"Foreign Trade and Investment Barriers Alert"
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
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Fax: (613) 992-6002

Business people are also encouraged to remain in touch with the Department regarding market access and other issues through its Web sites (*www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/trade/menu-e.asp* or *www.exportsource.ca*). These sites contain additional information on many of the issues covered in this document.