

The Minister stressed that this solution will fulfill Canada's GATT obligations, and more importantly, safeguard the essential interests of the West Coast fishing industry. She noted, "While Americans will have access to unprocessed fish landed onshore at designated landing stations along the coast, they will not be allowed to buy fish directly from Canadian fishermen "over the side" at sea.

At the March 22 GATT Council meeting, Canada will also be prepared to allow the adoption of a Panel Report on provincial liquor board practices. "The measures in question here are provincial practices", said Miss Carney, "but we will be working with the provinces to find ways to respond to the Panel's recommendations while addressing the adjustment concerns of the industry".

Finally, the Minister announced that Canada will be requesting that the GATT Council establish a Panel to consider a Canadian complaint about a discriminatory eight per cent tariff applied by Japan on our exports of spruce-pine-fir dimension lumber, which were worth over \$80 million in 1987.

Miss Carney noted that Canada had long sought a bilateral resolution of this issue with Japan. "The discrimination is harming our exporters in a market which we pioneered", said Miss Carney. "We have no option but to take this issue to the GATT".