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U.S. COURT RULES FAVOURABLY ON THE ENTRY OF SERVICE PERSONNEL

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, announced that effective December 19, service personnel seeking to enter the United States to perform after sales installation or service will be allowed B-1 entry (visitor for business). The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeal granted an interim staying order which has set aside the lower Courts decision until the appeal is heard.

"I am pleased with the Court's decision", Mr. Kelleher said. "The Court ruling provides the short term judicial relief that Canadian manufacturers require".

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeal set aside the August 28, 1985 California District Court decision which, by restricting the entry into the United States of service personnel, impaired the ability of Canadian manufacturers to export to the United States.

"We are now working on a long term durable solution which will safeguard Canadian access to the United States, irrespective of the Appeal Courts decision", Mr. Kelleher said. "One possibility that is being examined is a bilateral agreement with the United States covering the entry on a reciprocal basis of specified temporary workers, such as service personnel". The issue was raised by Mr. Kelleher when he met United States Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter in Ottawa on December 18.

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