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## GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES POLICY ON FOOTWEAR IMPORTS

Ottawa, May 22, 1984: The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade and the Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister of State (Finance), announced today that the government will direct the Anti-dumping Tribunal to undertake a comprehensive enquiry into the Canadian footwear industry, including the possible need for continued special measures of protection. Mr. Regan also announced that, as an interim measure, the existing import quotas on footwear will be extended to March 31, 1986. The extension will allow time for the Tribunal to complete its investigation and will be consistent with the current mandate of the industry restructuring program of the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board (C.I.R.B.). The government has noted that the recent recession has delayed the restructuring of the industry and accordingly an extension of quotas is necessary.

The Ministers indicated that the investigation by the Anti-dumping Tribunal will be broad in scope and will include an examination of the restructuring by Canadian footwear manufacturers, the future competitive prospects of the industry, and the impact of the quotas on consumers, importers and retailers. Finally, if the Tribunal finds that there is injury or threat thereof, it will also propose approaches for a three-year phase-out of the import quotas should they be extended beyond March 31, 1986.

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