

The only exception is in the women's and girls' footwear sector, where the Tribunal found that Canadian producers would be vulnerable to import competition without quota protection. The Tribunal recommended that quotas be maintained on imports of women's and girls' footwear for an additional three years. The Tribunal also recommended that these quotas be phased out during this period.

The current quota measures on footwear are scheduled to expire on November 30, 1985. Under provisions of the Export and Import Permits Act, quotas on footwear imports can be imposed only if the Canadian Import Tribunal finds there is injury or threat of injury to the domestic footwear industry. Also under the Act, no quotas can last more than three years without a further finding of injury by the Tribunal.

Mr. Kelleher stressed that the Government wishes to make an early decision in its future footwear sector import policy so that necessary purchasing and production plans can be made for the post November 1985 period. An announcement is expected in September. In the meantime the government will consult with interested parties including footwear manufacturers, unions, retailers, importers and consumer representatives as well as our trading partners.