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HOCKIN RESPONDS TO U.S INJURY DETERMINATIONS ON CANADIAN STEEL IMPORTS

The Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister for International Trade, expressed satisfaction with today's ruling by the United States that imports of Canadian carbon steel hot rolled and cold rolled sheet did not injure the U.S. domestic industry. These two products make up about 60 percent of the Canadian steel products that were under investigation by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC).

"I am pleased that the ITC finding on hot rolled and cold rolled steel will terminate the anti-dumping cases on these two products," said Mr. Hockin.

The ITC did, however, make final affirmative injury determinations against imports of carbon steel plate and galvanized steel sheet from Canada.

"Trade remedy actions like these make no commercial sense given the integrated nature of the North American steel market. The government will continue to support the Canadian steel industry with a view to finding a sensible resolution to the anti-dumping duties that still apply on other products."

Under U.S. trade law, the negative ITC determination on hot rolled and cold rolled sheet terminates the application of anti-dumping duties as announced by the Department of Commerce (DOC) on June 22.

Mr. Hockin emphasized that the injury findings against Canadian carbon steel plate and galvanized steel may be challenged under the dispute settlement provisions of Chapter 19 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The Minister noted that Canadian steel producers had already exercised their rights under Chapter 19 of the FTA and have launched several challenges of the final DOC dumping determinations.