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CANADIAN REACTION TO THE UNITED STATES COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S FINAL DETERMINATION IN THE ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF CANADIAN ROUND WHITE POTATOES

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister of State (International Trade) expressed his disappointment at the U.S. Commerce Department's final determination that imports of fall-harvested round white potatoes from Canada are being sold at less than fair value in the United States and his continuing concern about the consequences for the Canadian industry.

Minister Regan emphasized, however, that this determination was not the end of the investigation. The U.S. International Trade Commission has until December 19 to make a final determination whether the U.S. potato industry is being «injured». A determination that there is «no injury» would result in the case being terminated. Minister Regan said a strong case can be made that Canadian potatoes are not injuring the U.S. industry.

The Minister emphasized that he is following this investigation closely to ensure that it is conducted by the U.S.A. in conformity with that country's international obligations.

The Minister noted that he has been in regular contact with the Canadian industry and he stressed that the Government will continue to work closely with the industry throughout the course of the investigation.

The Minister also stressed his personal interest in this investigation and indicated that he has raised on a number of occasions with his U.S. counterparts his concerns about the continued U.S.A. actions aimed at limiting potato imports from the Maritime provinces.