

It may be difficult to confine consultation or other related procedural provisions to matters relating to the vagaries of the market without reference to the structure of the Agreement particularly if it was an impediment to the ability of the automobile producers to meet reduced demand by restructuring or rationalizing their production facilities in Canada and the United States. There is likely to be strong political and industry pressure on the United States administration to negotiate changes that would enable the maximum prospect for production being concentrated in the United States. That this situation may arise whether or not the Automotive Agreement is included in the broader consultative procedure is distinctly possible. There may be prospect of managing these discussions more effectively under formally established procedures in a comprehensive trade arrangement but it is difficult to envisage how this might be achieved without opening up the prospect of the economic provisions of the Agreement being included.