

## 2.3 FUNCTIONAL BRANCHES

**Senior Assistant Deputy Minister  
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- General responsibility for coordinating the implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, the management of Canada's trade and economic relations with the United States, and the promotion of Canada's general objectives in the United States.
- Activities include:
  - securing effective implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA);
  - ensuring that decision-makers in both Canada and the United States take full account of FTA commitments in formulating policies, laws and regulations;
  - managing the exercise of Canada's rights under the FTA, including management of dispute-settlement proceedings;
  - managing the consultations and further negotiations envisaged under the FTA (e.g., subsidies and trade remedies);
  - managing relations with the provinces and the private sector on FTA issues;
  - monitoring and reporting annually on the impact of the FTA on Canadian industries and the Canadian economy;
  - maintaining and improving access to the U.S. market for Canadian goods and services; and
  - assisting Canadian producers whose access may be affected by U.S. regulatory, legislative or trade remedy actions.