

●Another binational panel on processed pork will rule by 22 January on the Canadian challenge to the U.S. International Trade Commission's reconfirmation of its injury finding.

●In the GATT, Canada continues to press the United States to adopt and implement the GATT panel decision that the U.S. law which led to the countervailing duty on processed pork is inconsistent with U.S. GATT obligations.

●Binational panels have been established to hear two new appeals. A Canadian exporter has appealed the U.S. Commerce Department's revised procedures under the scope ruling for the antidumping order on oil country

tubular goods. A decision is due by 16 September 1991. The Canadian International Trade Tribunal's decision that dumped integral-horsepower induction motors cause injury, will be reviewed by a panel with a decision due by 11 September 1991. This is the second case brought against Canadian trade remedy action under the FTA.

●The process leading to a second round of accelerated FTA duty reductions continues. In early December, the U.S. International Trade Commission held a hearing on the list of items published in October. Over 500 applications were received by the two governments. Following negotiations, implementation of the second round of cuts is planned for July 1990.

●The U.S. Department of Agriculture is expected to implement soon the open border agreement on meat inspection. The agreement recognizes the equivalence of the Canadian and U.S. meat inspection systems and will liberalize trade conditions while ensuring the highest levels of safety and quality.

●Canada has objected strongly to a tax credit available only to small U.S. producers that will off-set increases in the excise tax on beer and wine, including cider, scheduled to take effect in January. The Embassy has informed the Administration that Canada considers this lack of national treatment to be inconsistent with the FTA. The Administration is expected to respond shortly.

*This edition completes the first year of the "Washington Advisory." Each month, the Advisory provides a check list of the major U.S. trade and economic issues important to Canada and to Canadian business. I encourage you to get in touch with us for further information on any item.*

*Our first 1991 edition will come out at the end of January. It will focus on the year ahead.*

*I would welcome your comments on the format and content as we head into our second year.*

*With all best wishes for the holiday season and a happy new year.*

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