

antimotion agents. Polymer and membrane technology are the fastest growth areas in controlled release. The controlled release market is expected to reach \$3.8 billion (U.S.) by 1992.

The USDOC reports that the world pharmaceutical market is expected to increase from \$74 billion (U.S.) in 1985 to \$116 billion (U.S.) by 1990. The United States and Japan, ranked number 1 and 2 respectively, will experience the slowest growth. World sales of over-the-counter drugs are estimated to increase to \$20 billion (U.S.) by 1991.

This chapter has provided a definition of the products included within the scope of this report, the criteria used for their selection, and a summary of U.S. imports of those products for 1982-87. Where available, a short-term outlook for the corresponding U.S. industry has also been provided. As this report is intended only to provide a sectoral overview and an indication of the opportunities that may exist for increased Canadian exports, individual readers are strongly encouraged to conduct more in-depth research on any potential opportunities identified.

**Users of this report who are interested in undertaking further research into specific markets are also encouraged to contact any of the Canadian Government Trade Development offices listed in the final Appendix to this report to determine what assistance may be available to them.**