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FREE TRADE OVERVIEW RELEASED

The Department of External Affairs today released a new publication on the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

Entitled Overview, the publication puts the new trade agreement in the context of previous Canada-U.S. trade negotiations and provides significantly more detail than does the general Trade Agreement in Brief booklet previously released.

The Overview document also includes sections on sensitive sectors in the Canadian economy and on the effect of the Agreement on the regions.

The latest document is intended for use by groups and individuals with a particular interest in the Agreement which might not be met by the shorter Trade Agreement in Brief booklet.

The new Overview piece will be initially provided to trade groups, associations, academics, the media and people requesting a comprehensive document on the Agreement.

It will be available upon request in writing or through the toll-free telephone order line, 1-800-387-0660.

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