

UNITED STATES TRADE REMEDY LAW

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Description

This memorandum discussed the political and legal feasibility in the United States of various proposals which Canada might make in the trade talks to modify the way U.S. import relief laws are applied to Canadian exports.

Highlights

Although elements of a Canada-U.S. trade agreement may be generally welcomed, individual provisions that are perceived as weakening the U.S. import relief laws are likely to generate considerable controversy.

To proceed under the fast-track procedure, the Administration is required to keep the relevant congressional committees closely informed on the progress of the negotiations. In practice, the fast-track procedure gives Congress a continuing and persuasive influence over the U.S. negotiators that permits it to significantly limit their discretion.