Important tax policies supporting Canadian cultural industries have been maintained.

Consistent with the copyright policy announced in 1985, rules regarding cable television retransmission rights will be reformed to protect both Canadian and U.S. Copyright holders.

Wine and Liquor

The Agreement will phase out over seven years discriminatory pricing and listing of wine and distilled spirits. Canadian consumers will benefit from a wider choice of competitively priced wine and liquor. World-class Canadian distillers will enjoy greater and more assured access to the United States.

The current provisions that require wines sold in grocery stores in the province of Quebec to be bottled within the province remain unchanged. The sale of wines in existing specialty retail outlets in Ontario and B.C. also remains unchanged.

Automotive Trade

The Free Trade Agreement builds on the basic principles underlying the Auto Pact of 1965 — the need to promote the integration of the North American auto industry while ensuring a fair share of production for Canada. Safeguards ensuring production in Canada remain in place, even though automotive production in Canada far exceeds the minimum requirement due to our competitive costs.

The Agreement adds to the Auto Pact by removing tariffs on tires and replacement parts.

Auto Pact safeguards remain. Products traded under the FTA will be governed by a