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## TRADE MINISTER RELEASES CANADIAN IMPORT TRIBUNAL REPORT ON FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY

OTTAWA, July 4, 1985: The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, released today the report of the Canadian Import Tribunal on its enquiry into the Canadian footwear industry, including the possible need for continued special measures of protection.

The Tribunal's report is based on the most comprehensive investigation conducted to date into the Canadian footwear sector and included an examination of the restructuring by Canadian footwear manufacturers, the future competitive prospects of the industry, and the impact of the quotas on consumers, importers and retailers. Also in the event of a finding of injury or threat thereof, the Tribunal was asked to propose approaches for a phase-out of import quotas over a three year period. All interested parties were given full opportunity to make submissions to the Tribunal both in writing as well as in public hearings.

The Tribunal's report includes a detailed analysis of the five broad sectors of the domestic footwear market namely, men's and boys' dress and casual footwear; women's and girls' dress and casual footwear; slippers; children's and infants' and special purpose footwear.

In general, the Tribunal has concluded that the industry has made significant progress in restructuring since its last investigation and that several sectors of the industry are now in a position to meet import competition without special measures of protection.

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