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O*pening Doors to the World: Canada's International Market Access Priorities—2002* outlines the Government's priorities for improving access to foreign markets for Canadian traders and investors through a range of multilateral, regional and bilateral initiatives in 2002. It also presents significant market-opening results from 2001 that will benefit Canadian business. Subjects range from Canada's broad negotiating objectives at the World Trade Organization, to the details of specific bilateral trade irritants. It is not intended as an exhaustive catalogue of Government activities to improve access to foreign markets, nor as a comprehensive inventory of foreign barriers to trade or investment.

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Opening Doors to the World: Canada's International Market Access Priorities—2002 updates and expands on topics presented in the 2001 report, which was released by the Minister for International Trade in April 2001. While recognizing the vital importance of the U.S. market, the current approach reflects Canada's broader interests and the importance of work in such forums as the World Trade Organization (WTO) to strengthen the disciplines governing global trade and investment flows.

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