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TRADE MINISTER ANNOUNCES FOOTWEAR QUOTA CHANGES

OTTAWA, November 29, 1984: The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade announced today that the government has decided to shorten the period of extension of import quotas on footwear from sixteen months to twelve months. The change was made to ensure that any changes in the government's footwear import policy arising out of the current enquiry by the Anti-dumping Tribunal can be implemented as expeditiously as possible. The import quotas on footwear will now be extended for twelve months from December 1, 1984 to November 30, 1985 instead of the sixteen month period previously announced.

Mr. Kelleher said the Tribunal will continue with its comprehensive enquiry into the Canadian footwear industry including the possible need for continued special measures of protection. Quotas have been in place on footwear since December 1, 1977. The Tribunal has been asked to complete its enquiry by the middle of June 1985. Following receipt of the Anti-dumping Tribunal's report the government will decide on its import policy for footwear.

Mr. Kelleher stressed that the government wishes to avoid any disruption to the trade, and pointed out that allocations have already been made to existing importers for the twelve month period from December 1, 1984 to November 30, 1985. Provision will also be made to respond in a limited way to requests which have already been received from new importers and new retail stores.