

Agriculture

In the Tokyo Round, a significant result has this time been achieved in the agricultural sector covering both tariff and non-tariff measures. New trading arrangements have been negotiated for dairy products and for beef and veal, and agricultural trade is also expected to benefit from the agreements on some of the more general non-tariff measures.

Most of our dutiable agricultural exports to the United States will benefit from tariff reductions. In return a number of Canadian agricultural tariffs will be reduced. All regions of Canada will stand to benefit from improved export possibilities to the U.S. market. Improved access for a smaller but significant range of agricultural products was also obtained in the EEC and Japanese markets including, in the case of the EEC, a new arrangement for exports of aged cheddar cheese.

Agreement has been reached that further consideration will be given, within the GATT framework, to the establishment of improved consultative measures which would deal with problems in the agricultural trade sector.

Fisheries

Important concessions have also been gained for certain fish products. Both coasts will benefit from the lowering of tariff and non-tariff barriers in foreign markets. This will be true for traditional and new species and products available from our enlarged fishing zones. The most significant gains have been won in negotiations with the United States, but better access has also been achieved to the Japanese and European markets.

Alcoholic Beverages

Concessions have been obtained for Canadian whiskey in the United States, European, and Japanese markets. The United States has agreed to change the Wine Gallon method of assessing duties on imported bottled spirits.

The willingness of the provinces to provide certain assurances with respect to the marketing of foreign alcoholic beverages made an important contribution towards the achievement of Canadian objectives, particularly in this area of the negotiations.

Non-Tariff Agreements

As a result of the negotiations in Geneva, agreement has been reached on the texts of:

- 1) an agreement on subsidies and countervailing duties;
- 2) a revised agreement on anti-dumping duties;
- 3) an agreement on technical barriers to trade;