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MINISTER KELLEHER TO VISIT WASHINGTON

The Honourable James F. Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, announced today plans to visit Washington June 19-20 to discuss current trade issues with Congressional leaders and Ambassador Clayton Yeutter, the United States Trade Representative designate.

Mr. Kelleher expressed concern about recent protectionist actions and proposals by federal and state authorities threatening a range of Canadian exports including lumber, steel, hogs and pork and other agricultural and fish products. "I will be setting out the Canadian position on these issues in meetings with Representative Gibbons, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, Senator Danforth, Chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Trade and Ambassador Yeutter" the Minister said.

Mr. Kelleher also indicated that he had invited senior executives of the Canadian steel industry to participate in his meetings with Senator John Heinz, Chairman of the Senate steel caucus, and the House Congressional steel caucus to review developments in Canada/USA steel trade.