

unfair trade practices, as well as of dispute settlement procedures; the content and the sectoral application of a new GATT-type framework for traded services; and the extent to which the GATT system should be extended to cover trade-related intellectual property and investment matters.

Agriculture

External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC) actively promoted Canada's objectives for the Uruguay Round in Agriculture, both in the formal meetings of the MTN working groups and in other multilateral groups. These objectives are:

- the substantial reduction of trade-distorting domestic subsidies and the elimination of export subsidies;
- the liberalization of access to markets;
- the development of comprehensive trade rules for agriculture, specifically the elimination of country-specific exceptions and the clarification of GATT Article XI; and
- an agreement on rules to prevent the misuse of health and sanitary regulations as barriers to trade.

At a ministerial meeting in Thailand in November 1989, the Cairns Group, of which Canada is a member, adopted

a comprehensive negotiating position for the reform of world agricultural trade. This was submitted to the MTN Negotiating Group on Agriculture.

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

The GATT Affairs Division directed and coordinated Canadian participation in the many institutional activities and the daily business of the GATT. The Division was involved in the interpretation of Canada's position on a range of issues for presentation in the GATT.

Over the past year, the Division managed a number of bilateral trade disputes within the context of the GATT. These included action under the GATT dispute settlement provisions on Canada's policies regarding imports of ice cream and yogurt, U.S. countervailing duty action on Canadian pork exports, and Japanese tariffs on SPF dimension lumber.

The Division was responsible for the negotiations leading to the accession of Bolivia and Costa Rica to the GATT.

The Division also actively contributed to the ongoing work in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations scheduled to be completed in