

# Responses to Public Consultations on Canada - Central America Free Trade Negotiations

January - February 2001

Volume I

## Réponses aux consultations publiques en vue des négociations de libre-échange Canada - Amérique centrale janvier - février 2001

|    |  |              |  |     |  |
|----|--|--------------|--|-----|--|
| 22 | <b>Canadian Drug Manufacturers Association</b><br>Mr. Jim Keon<br>President<br>Toronto ON              | 06 Feb. 2001 | Associations/<br>Drug<br>Manufacturers | For | <i>(General, other markets)</i><br>- Applauds efforts to engage in FTA with Central America.<br>- Noted that region is not of great importance to their members and that the Government should focus on bigger markets in Latin America, particularly Brazil and Argentina.  |
| 23 | <b>Canadian Egg Marketing Agency</b><br>Mr. David H. Clemons<br>Executive Director<br>Ottawa ON        | 01 Feb. 2001 | Association/<br>Agriculture            | N/A | - See Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council reply (TAB 18).  |
| 24 | <b>Canadian Alliance of Agri-Food Exporters (CAAFE)</b><br>Mr. Liam McCreery<br>President<br>Ottawa ON | 24 Jan. 2001 | Association/<br>Agri-Food<br>exporters | For | <i>(Market access, SPS, bilateral &amp; multilateral strategies)</i><br>- Though first focus is on WTO negotiations, supports regional and bilateral efforts to reduce barriers to trade in agriculture and agri-food products provided these do not undermine longer term global objectives and reciprocity.<br>- Will not support FTAs that result in asymmetrical sectoral gains. Improvements to access for Canadian products must be made on a commodity specific basis.<br>- There is potential for expansion of Canadian exports such as pork, pulse crops, canola oil and canola meal.<br>- The "tariff escalation" currently in place on refined versus crude oil must be eliminated and Canadian products must be accorded the same access as regional trading partners.<br>- As economic conditions improve in the CA4, there is potential for increased demand for Canadian pork and beef with the complete removal of tariffs and NTBs on a reciprocal basis.<br>- Must ensure that there is system-wide approval by CFIA for all meat processing establishments. |