

Minister McDermid said that a Notice is being published in the Canada Gazette (copy attached) on June 9, 1989, listing products imported primarily from the U.S. which have been identified as possible candidates for the withdrawal of tariff concessions. The Notice requests comments from interested parties by June 24, 1989.

While noting the importance of impressing upon the U.S. the government's resolve to defend Canada's legitimate trade interests, Minister McDermid emphasized the importance of consulting interested parties to ensure that the most appropriate measures are adopted.

Minister McDermid said: "The government will carefully review the comments received before selecting products on which tariff concessions would be withdrawn."

Minister Crosbie expressed his disappointment in the unwillingness of the United States to restore access for Canadian sugar/dextrose blends. "Canada takes this action reluctantly," Minister Crosbie stated. "It is not in either country's interest to impose import restrictions."

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