

by a governmental body in the exporting country, or by a non-governmental body that is recognized by Canada. Certification bodies in the Commonwealth Caribbean are listed in Annex 4.

### **Stability of Duty-Free Treatment**

Under CARIBCAN, duty-free access to the Canadian market has been maintained without change since the program was introduced in 1986. However, duty-free entry into Canada for any products under CARIBCAN may be withdrawn or suspended where these imports cause or threaten injury to Canadian production. This is a "safeguard" provision of the Canadian Customs Tariff. Canadian producers who believe that they have suffered or may suffer injury can submit their complaints to the Tariff Board, which would then conduct an inquiry to determine if there is any evidence of injury and make appropriate recommendations to the Minister of Finance. All affected parties, including Commonwealth Caribbean manufacturers and/or their governments, would be able to make representations to the Tariff Board during the public hearings of such an inquiry. To date, no complaints have been received about duty-free imports under CARIBCAN.

### **Review of CARIBCAN**

Since the CARIBCAN program is a new experience for both Canada and the Commonwealth Caribbean, it will be reviewed by the Canadian authorities after an initial period of two years to determine whether its provisions should be amended or improved. This review is expected to take place in the summer of 1988.

Further general information on CARIBCAN can be obtained from the Caribbean and Central American Trade Development Division of the Department of External Affairs. (See Annex 2 for address.)