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PANEL ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 19
UNDER THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie announced today the appointment of two Canadian panelists on a five-member panel established under Chapter 19 of the Free Trade Agreement. The panel has been established to review the U.S. Department of Commerce's July 18th final determination of subsidy in the countervail action against imports of Canadian fresh, chilled or frozen pork.

A. de Lotbinière Panet and Margaret Prentis will serve as Canadian panelists in this matter. The United States panelists will be Mark Joelson, Joel Davidow and Dennis James, Jr. The panel will convene shortly to select its chairperson.

Under Chapter 19 of the Free Trade Agreement, judicial review of final determinations by domestic courts in countervailing and anti-dumping duty cases is replaced, at the request of an interested party, by a review by five-member panels comprised of Canadians and Americans. Each country chooses two and the fifth is chosen by lot. Prior to the Free Trade Agreement, this case could have been reviewed judicially by a United States domestic court. Findings of the panel are binding on both governments. The panel is to make its decision within 315 days of the request for panel review.

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