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## MACLAREN RELEASES 1994 REGISTER OF U.S. BARRIERS TO TRADE

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Roy MacLaren, today released the *Register of United States Barriers to Trade*.

The publication is an illustrative list of barriers to the free flow of goods, services and investment into the United States from Canada. Examples of these barriers are found in U.S. subsidy practices, unilateral trade remedy practices, government procurement and domestic preference laws, customs and administrative procedures, and technical and regulatory practices.

"Canada and the United States share the world's largest trading relationship," the Minister said. "This relationship has been enhanced by reducing or eliminating trade barriers under bilateral and multilateral trade agreements. The Register provides examples of remaining barriers that Canadian companies continue to face."

The Minister emphasized that, while Canada remains concerned about the range of U.S. barriers to trade, they affect a relatively small portion of a very large and mutually beneficial trading relationship.

The *Register of United States Barriers to Trade* also summarizes Canadian responses to specific U.S. trade actions or barriers. "We will continue to work to eliminate or reduce U.S. barriers to trade through negotiations and through effective use of dispute settlement procedures under the NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement] and the GATT [General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade]," the Minister said.

Canada's release of the Register coincides with the publication by the U.S. Administration of its annual *National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers*. This report describes

practices which, in the view of the United States, constitute trade barriers that are maintained by other countries, including Canada.

The *Register of United States Barriers to Trade* may be obtained by contacting the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's InfoCentre at 1-800-267-8376 (toll-free) or, in the Ottawa area, at 944-4000. Requests by facsimile can be directed to (613) 996-9709.

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