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THREE CANADIANS ADDED TO ROSTER FOR CANADA-U.S. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PANELS

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced today the appointment of three Canadians to serve as panelists for the binational dispute settlement mechanism established under Chapter 18 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

The new appointees are Ronald George Atkey, Robert Bertram Church and Donald Malcolm McRae. This brings to 25 the number of people appointed to serve on these panels. The appointments were required following the death of one member and the resignation of two others.

Chapter 18 panels can be established when the Canada-U.S. Trade Commission has been unable to satisfactorily resolve, through consultations, questions related to the application or interpretation of the FTA.

The five-member panels are authorized to make recommendations on any issue under the FTA, except for disputes on anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions or on financial services, which are examined under separate mechanisms.

To date, Chapter 18 panels have issued reports on three disputes: "Lobsters from Canada," "Canada's Landing Requirement for Pacific Coast Salmon and Herring" and "FTA Article 304 and the Definition of Direct Cost of Processing or Direct Cost of Assembling."

The complete roster of Chapter 18 panelists is attached.

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ROSTER OF CANADIAN APPOINTEES TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PANELS UNDER THE CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Appointments Announced Today

Ronald George Atkey, P.C., Q.C., Senior Partner,
Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt, Toronto

Robert Bertram Church, Professor Emeritus,
Department of Medical Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine,
University of Calgary, Calgary

Donald Malcolm McRae, Dean, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section,
University of Ottawa, Ottawa

Previously Announced

Douglas Arthur, President, C.D. Arthur and Associates Inc.,
Ottawa

Peter Burn, Senior Consultant, Hill and Knowlton, Ottawa

J. Gordon Coleman, Q.C., Trade Lawyer, Tory, Tory, Deslauriers
and Binnington, Toronto

Richard G. Dearden, Trade Lawyer, Gowling, Strathy & Henderson,
Ottawa

Armand I.C. de Mestral, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law,
McGill University, Montreal

Marie-Josée Drouin, Executive Director,
Hudson Institute of Canada, Montreal

James F. Grandy, former Deputy Minister, Industry, Trade and
Commerce, Ottawa

Robert Johnstone, Special Trade Advisor, Ontario Ministry of
Industry, Trade and Technology, former Deputy Minister for
International Trade, Toronto

John Knebel, Lawyer, Milner Fenerty, Barristers and Solicitors,
Edmonton

Bernard Landry, Professor, University of Quebec, former Quebec
Minister of External Trade, and of International Trade,
Montreal

Pierre Laurin, Vice Chairman, Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., Montreal

Richard G. Lipsey, Professor of Economics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

Honourable Peter Lougheed, P.C., Q.C., Partner, Bennett Jones Verchere, former Premier of Alberta, Calgary

Honourable Gerald A. Regan, P.C., Q.C., President, Hawthorne Developmental Services, Ottawa

Guy Saint-Pierre, President, Le groupe SNC, Montreal

Claude Simard, Businessman, Montreal

Thomas Shoyama, Visiting Professor, Public Administration, University of Victoria, former Deputy Minister of Finance, and former Economic Advisor to the Government of Saskatchewan, Victoria

Murray Smith, Director, Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Carleton University, Ottawa

Christopher Thomas, Trade Lawyer, Ladner Downs, Barristers and Solicitors, Vancouver

Rodrique Tremblay, Professor of Economics, Université de Montréal, Montreal

Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, Trade Lawyer, Fogler, Rubinoff, Barristers and Solicitors, Toronto

Charles White, Q.C., Lawyer, White, Ottenheimer and Green, St. John's