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CANADA-U.S. TRADE COMMISSION MEETS IN ST. JOHN'S

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie and U.S. Trade Representative Carla A. Hills, who together constitute the Canada-U.S. Trade Commission, met today in St. John's, Newfoundland, to review the progress made to date on implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

The Commission oversees the implementation of the FTA and ensures the Agreement represents the best interests of Canada and the United States.

"The FTA has proven its value in strengthening the world's largest trading relationship," said Mr. Crosbie. "Trade between Canada and the United States reached \$197 billion in 1989, up four per cent from 1988, and 12.2 per cent from 1987."

"The Canada-U.S. FTA has come into its own as the pivot of a solid trading relationship between the two countries," said Ambassador Hills. "The Agreement meets the tests of fairness and mutual advantage."

Mr. Crosbie and Ambassador Hills cited progress made in a number of areas since their last Commission meeting in May 1990:

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-- The dispute settlement process is functioning smoothly and effectively. Eight panel reports have been issued since the Agreement came into effect. Both sides noted the dispute resolution process is operating successfully.

-- Agreement has been reached on a number of technical changes to the Rules of Origin. The process for implementing these changes begins shortly.

-- Procedures have been initiated whereby tariffs may be cut faster than prescribed under the FTA. Each government has received a number of applications from businesses and, as with the previous round, both countries will proceed only on those items that enjoy broad public acceptance.

A number of outstanding trade issues between the two countries were also discussed, but Mr. Crosbie and Ambassador Hills stressed these issues accounted for only about one per cent of a dynamic and successful trading relationship.

"The FTA has created new opportunities for entrepreneurs on both sides of the border and is contributing to a healthy and expanding trade relationship," Ambassador Hills said.

Minister Crosbie and Ambassador Hills reiterated their continued commitment to work together to ensure a successful conclusion to the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

"Our goal in negotiating the FTA was to establish freer and fairer trade between our two countries; this is the same goal we are pursuing on a world scale through the Multilateral Trade Negotiations," said Mr. Crosbie.

In addition, Mr. Crosbie and Ambassador Hills welcomed the upcoming consultations among Mexico, the United States and Canada regarding a free trade arrangement.

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CANADA - UNITED STATES TRADE COMMISSION

FOURTH MEETING

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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TEMPORARY ENTRY

The Commission received the report of the Temporary Entry Consultative Group. It noted that with the exception of the proposed amendment to the Distribution provision in Schedule 1, the necessary domestic review processes have been completed for the amendments to Chapter 15 approved by the Commission at its November 30, 1989 meeting and that those amendments would be implemented upon publication by both countries. (See Appendix "A")

As well, the Commission approved new recommendations to include minimum educational requirements/alternative credentials for a number of professions already in Schedule 2, but for which credentials had not been previously established, and to add some professions. Both countries will now submit these proposed amendments to their domestic review processes. (See Appendix "B")

BINATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The Commission was pleased with the progress and implementation of Article 1904 Panel Rules and the Chapter 18 Model rules of Procedure since January 1, 1989. Twelve Chapter 19 cases have been filed with the U.S. Section in Washington and one with the Canadian Section in Ottawa. One Chapter 18 case was filed in each country and all cases filed in 1989 were completed or withdrawn. Of the requests for Panel Review, the Panel remanded three, affirmed four and remanded two in part and affirmed them in part. The Binational Secretariat is soliciting comments from past participants, panellists, and roster members with a view to improving the Chapter 18 process.

RULES OF ORIGIN AND CUSTOMS WORKING GROUP

The Bilateral Working Group held its third meeting on September 13 and reached agreement on a number of technical changes to the rules of origin. The process for their formal adoption in both countries will begin shortly.

TOURISM

The Tourism Working Group had its second meeting on October 1. Both countries agreed to consult on matters of mutual interest under consideration by international organizations such as the World Tourism Organization and the OECD Tourism Committee. Based on the success of the past cost-shared \$3.0 million research program, Canada and the U.S. agreed to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding next year.

WORKING GROUP ACCELERATION TARIFF ELIMINATION

In light of the success last year of the Tariff Acceleration exercise and continued interest expressed by businesses in both countries, a second round of the accelerated tariff elimination process has been initiated. The two governments have received in combination over 500 applications for tariff elimination. Officials have reviewed the submissions and held initial bilateral consultations. The consolidated list of proposals was published in the Canada Gazette on October 6, 1990 and in the Federal Register on October 5. Implementation of changes to the respective tariff schedules is planned for July 1, 1991.

APPENDIX "A"

Note: Changes to the text of the Agreement are indicated in bold capital letters

A. AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE 1 OF 1502.1

Sales

Delete the first paragraph and replace with the following:

- sales representatives and agents taking orders or negotiating contracts for goods or services **FOR AN ENTERPRISE LOCATED IN CANADA/THE UNITED STATES** but not delivering goods or providing services

B. AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 2 TO ANNEX 1502.1

<u>PROFESSION</u>	<u>MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS/ ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALS</u>
Architect	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE *
Economist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
Engineer	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
Forester	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
GRAPHIC DESIGNER	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, OR POST-SECONDARY DIPLOMA AND THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE
LAND SURVEYOR	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR STATE/PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LICENCE *
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
Lawyer	L.L.B., J.D., L.L.L., B.C.L., OR MEMBERSHIP IN A STATE/PROVINCIAL BAR
Librarian	M.L.S., OR B.L.S. (FOR WHICH ANOTHER BACCALAUREATE DEGREE WAS A PREREQUISITE)

PROFESSION

MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS/
ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALS

MEDICAL/ALLIED PROFESSIONAL

- Dentist	D.D.S., D.M.D., OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
- Dietitian	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
- Nutritionist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
- PHARMACIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
- Physician (teaching and/or research only)	M.D. OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
- PHYSIO/PHYSICAL THERAPIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
- Psychologist	STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
- RECREATIONAL THERAPIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Registered Nurse	STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
- Veterinarian	D.V.M., D.M.V., OR STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE
Range Manager (Range Conservationist)	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
Research Assistant (working in a post-secondary educational institution)	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

SCIENTIST

- Agriculturist (Agronomist)	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Animal Scientist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- APICULTURIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- ASTRONOMER	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Biochemist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Biologist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

PROFESSION MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS/
ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALS

SCIENTIST

- CHEMIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Dairy Scientist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Entomologist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Epidemiologist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Geneticist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- GEOLOGIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Geophysicist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Horticulturist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- METEOROLOGIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Pharmacologist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Physicist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Plant Breeder	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Poultry Scientist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Soil Scientist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Zoologist	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Social Worker BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Sylviculturist BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
(Forestry Specialist)

TEACHER

- College	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- Seminary	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
- University	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Technical Publications BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, OR
Writer POST-SECONDARY DIPLOMA AND THREE YEARS
EXPERIENCE

URBAN PLANNER BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Vocational Counselor BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

* THE TERMS "STATE/PROVINCIAL LICENCE" AND "STATE/PROVINCIAL/
FEDERAL LICENCE" MEAN ANY DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A STATE, PROVINCIAL,
OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS THE CASE MAY BE, OR UNDER ITS AUTHORITY,
WHICH PERMITS A PERSON TO ENGAGE IN A REGULATED ACTIVITY OR
PROFESSION.

DELETE THE FOLLOWING PROFESSION:

Journalist (Baccalaureate and 3 years
experience)

APPENDIX "B"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 2 TO ANNEX 1502.1

<u>PROFESSION</u>	<u>MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS/ ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALS</u>
Accountant	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, OR C.P.A. OR C.A.
Animal breeder	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
Computer systems analyst	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, OR POST- SECONDARY DIPLOMA AND THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE
GEOCHEMIST	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
Hotel Manager	baccalaureate degree IN HOTEL/RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT, OR POST-SECONDARY DIPLOMA IN HOTEL/RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT and three years experience IN HOTEL/RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT
INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, OR POST- SECONDARY DIPLOMA AND THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE
INTERIOR DESIGNER	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, OR POST- SECONDARY DIPLOMA AND THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE
<u>MEDICAL/ALLIED PROFESSIONAL</u>	
- MEDICAL LABORATORY technologist (CANADA)/ Medical technologist (U.S.) *	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, OR POST- SECONDARY DIPLOMA AND THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE
Scientific technician/ technologist	Must a) work in direct support of professionals in the following disciplines: agricultural sciences, astronomy, biology, chemistry, ENGINEERING, forestry, geology, geophysics, meteorology, or physics; b) possess theoretical knowledge of the discipline; AND c) solve practical problems in the discipline, OR apply principles of the discipline to basic or applied research.

* MUST PERFORM CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, HAEMOTOLOGICAL, IMMUNOLOGIC, MICROSCOPIC AND BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTS, PROCEDURES, EXPERIMENTS AND ANALYSES IN LABORATORIES FOR DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE.