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CANADIAN REACTION TO THE UNITED STATES COMMERCE  
DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN  
THE ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF CANADIAN  
ROUND WHITE POTATOES

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The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister of State (International Trade) expressed his disappointment at the U.S. Commerce Department's preliminary determination that imports of fall-harvested round white potatoes from Canada are being sold at less than fair value in the United States. He was concerned about the consequences for Canadian exports.

The decision made July 26, means that Canadian exporters of round white potatoes will now be required to post a cash deposit, bond or other security for each entry equal to the amount of the estimated dumping margin. This bonding requirement will evidently affect the marketing of this year's Canadian crop which will be available for shipment in September.

Minister Regan emphasized, however, that this determination was only preliminary. The U.S. Commerce Department has until October 9 to make its final determination of dumping and the U.S. International Trade Commission then has until approximately November 23 to make a final determination whether the U.S. potato industry is being "injured."

Minister Regan noted that officials have not yet had time to study the U.S. Commerce Department's preliminary determination in detail but would be doing so to ensure that the United States is acting in conformity with its international obligations.

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The Minister added that the Government had been in regular contact with the Canadian industry and would continue to work closely with them throughout the course of the investigation. Officials met with members of the Canadian Horticultural Council, which is representing the Canadian industry, following the announcement of the preliminary determination and are scheduled to meet again next week.

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