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## CANADA SET TO JOIN THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION ON JANUARY 1, 1995

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today welcomed Royal Assent of Bill C-57, *An Act to Implement the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization*. "Canada is now in a position to play a full and dynamic role in the new World Trade Organization (WTO) when it comes into force on January 1, 1995," Mr. MacLaren said.

"Canada was proud to propose the establishment of the WTO in the Uruguay Round negotiations," Mr. MacLaren added. "It will provide a strong foundation for the future expansion of trade and investment, generating jobs and growth in Canada and around the world."

Mr. MacLaren stressed that the momentum behind the Uruguay Round must be maintained. Unfinished negotiations on financial services, basic telecommunications, maritime services and temporary entry of personnel are scheduled for completion over the next 18 months. They promise to open up areas of considerable promise for Canada. "We also have a full agenda of 'new' issues to pursue, including trade and the environment, competition policy, and investment," Mr. MacLaren said.

Using the GATT/WTO framework as a base, Canada will continue to work towards greater multilateral, regional and bilateral trade liberalization. "In recent months, we have seen proof of the ground swell desire for freer trade in the Western Hemisphere and among Pacific nations. Our membership in the Quad (along with Japan, the European Union and the United States), in the G-7, and



in those regional groupings gives Canada a privileged position from which to pursue and advance the WTO goals of freer, rules-based trade," Mr. MacLaren said.

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A list of contacts for information on GATT/WTO implementation is attached.

For more information, media representatives may contact:

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(613) 995-1874

## CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GATT/WTO IMPLEMENTATION

### INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS

#### DFAIT

- General information on the Uruguay Round Agreement, its effect on trade rules, provincial and sectoral opportunities:  
InfoCentre, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) FaxLink\* (613) 944-4500  
(\*Call from a fax machine handset to get a menu of available documents)
- Contacts for further information:  
InfoCentre, DFAIT, in Ottawa, (613) 944-4000; elsewhere in Canada, 1-800-267-8376
- Agricultural tariff rate quota administration:  
Special Trade Policy Division, (613) 995-8104 or fax (613) 996-0612
- Textile and clothing agreement:  
Textiles and Clothing Trade Policy Division,  
(613) 995-8368 or fax (613) 995-5137

### CANADIAN TARIFFS AND CUSTOMS

#### Revenue Canada

- General information concerning the Customs and Tariff changes resulting from the GATT 1994 Agreement can be obtained by contacting your regional Revenue Canada office.
- The Automated Customs Information System (ACIS) also provides general information on the Agreement by calling:  
Calgary (403) 292-8750; Edmonton (403) 495-3400; Halifax (902) 426-2911; Hamilton (905) 308-8715; Moncton (506) 851-7020; Montreal (514) 283-9900; Ottawa (613) 993-0534; Quebec City (418) 648-4445; Toronto (416) 973-8022; Vancouver (604) 666-0545; Windsor (519) 257-6400; Winnipeg (204) 983-6004; other locations in Canada, 1-800-461-9999.
- Revenue Canada's Electronic Bulletin Board will provide further information to the public. Using a modem and computer settings at Baud Rate 2400, Parity N, Bit 8 and Bit Stop 1, dial the toll-free number 1-800-267-5979.

- For information on the anti-dumping and countervailing codes:  
Anti-dumping and Countervailing Division, (613) 954-7349 or fax (613) 941-2612
- For information on the changes in drawbacks regulations:  
Tariff Programs Division, (613) 954-6976 or fax (613) 952-3971

Industry Canada

- For information on Uruguay Round impacts and opportunities on a sectoral basis:  
International Business Branch, (613) 954-3522 or fax (613) 952-0540

Agriculture Canada

- Enquiries on market access, domestic programs and regulator changes resulting from the Uruguay Round:  
International Trade Policy Directorate, (613) 995-9554 or fax (613) 995-0949.