

# THE TRADE CONNECTION

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## Economic Agreement Negotiations with the EU

**T**he Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) is asking for input from interested parties concerning a possible comprehensive economic agreement between Canada and the European Union. Submissions are due by January 20, 2009. The study will look at barriers to the flow of goods, services and capital to determine the costs and benefits of a closer economic partnership. Submissions should address areas of goods of export interest, views on trade in services, temporary entry and immigration issues for business travelers, non-tariff barriers and technical barriers to trade, rules of origin issues, customs procedures, government procurement markets, competition policy, intellectual property rights, and investment barriers. The complete detailed DFAIT notice can be found at the following link: <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2008/20081220/html/notice-e.html#d104>.



*Happy New Year  
and all the best for  
2009!*

### Trade Tips

*The CBSA has extended the deadline for **PIP applications** by legacy members to March 31, 2009. This applies only to PIP members approved prior to June 20, 2008. The extension is due to the number of requests for additional time and the state of the economy. Non-PIP members may submit applications at any time.*

*The World Trade Organization has rejected an appeal by **China** concerning a ruling on **auto parts** favoring the United States, the European Union and Canada. The WTO appeal panel has recommended China be asked to bring its import tariffs on auto parts into compliance with international trade rules.*

## Canadian Automated Export Declaration

**T**he Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has announced the release of the 2009 version of the Canadian Automated Export Declaration (CAED) software on December 15, 2009. The 2008 version will expire January 31, 2009 and therefore exporters must upgrade prior to that time. Some modifications assist exporters with detailing how goods are prepared for export and the date of export field will remind exporters of the legislated time frames for export by mode of transportation. A detailed list of all changes is available on the CAED web site at the following address: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/exp/index-eng.htm>. The CBSA notice can be found at the following address: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/cn-ad/cn08-022-eng.html>. Values must be declared in Canadian dollars. See here for the Bank of Canada exchange rate tool: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/rates/exchange.html>.

### ***U.S. – Oman Free Trade Agreement***

The United States Trade Representative Susan C. Schwab has announced the implementation of the U.S.-Oman FTA as of January 1, 2009. This FTA is an important step in President Bush's Middle East Free Trade Area Initiative. The Oman agreement builds on other FTA's with Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Bahrain, Trade and Investment Framework Agreements with 10 countries in the region and the 2005 World Trade Organization accessions of Saudi Arabia. The full announcement can be found at the following link:

[http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document\\_Library/Press\\_Releases/2008/December/asset\\_upload\\_file274\\_15261.pdf](http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document_Library/Press_Releases/2008/December/asset_upload_file274_15261.pdf).

### ***U.S. CAFTA-DR for Costa Rica***

The United States Trade Representative also announced the implementation on January 1, 2009, of the CAFTA-DR for Costa Rica. This agreement was already implemented previously for the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The USTR announcement can be found at the following link:

[http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document\\_Library/Press\\_Releases/2008/December/asset\\_upload\\_file215\\_15259.pdf](http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document_Library/Press_Releases/2008/December/asset_upload_file215_15259.pdf).

### ***U.S. First Sale Rule***

The United States International Trade Commission will conduct a review on the use of the first sale rule for U.S. imports during the 12-month period between September 2008 and August 2009. The first sale rule allows importers to use the value of a sale other than the last sale to the U.S. purchaser when declaring the transaction value of goods. The ITC will look at use, frequency, value and sector and tariff classifications. Written submissions will also be accepted up to April 30, 2009. The announcement can be found at the following link:

[http://www.usitc.gov/ext\\_relation/news\\_release/2008/er1229ff1.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/ext_relation/news_release/2008/er1229ff1.htm).

### ***U.S. Census Bureau Publishes 2009 Schedule B Export Codes***

The U.S. Census Bureau has published on its web site the 2009 version of Schedule B export codes. Also available are instructions for completing the Shipper's Export Declaration, conversion tables and 6-digit alphabetical index. See the following link:

<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/schedules/b/2009/index.html>.

### ***Expiry Review Decision – Hollow Structural Sections***

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal has issued its Order and Reasons concerning a review of the injury finding on certain

hollow structural sections of carbon and alloy steel, welded, and of certain sizes, when originating in or exported from the Republic of Korea, the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Turkey. The Tribunal has Ordered that the finding be continued and therefore anti-dumping duties will apply to the subject goods imported without normal values for the next five years.

### ***Carbon Steel Welded Pipe Public Interest Inquiry***

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal has issued a decision regarding representations requesting a public interest inquiry concerning the anti-dumping and countervail duties imposed as a result of the Tribunal's finding on carbon steel welded pipe from the People's Republic of China. The Tribunal's decision is that there are no reasonable grounds to consider the imposition of the duties would not or might not be in the public interest. Therefore, the Tribunal will not initiate the public interest inquiry. The Tribunal's decision can be found at the following link:

[http://www.citt.gc.ca/dumping/intrest/consider/pb2i001\\_e.asp](http://www.citt.gc.ca/dumping/intrest/consider/pb2i001_e.asp).

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