

CANADA - CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING PERIODICALS

Status Report by Canada

Addendum

The following communication, dated 9 April 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

---

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute Regarding Canada - Certain Measures Concerning Periodicals Panel Report (WT/DS31/R) and Appellate Body Report (WT/DS31/AB/R)

In keeping with the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), on 25 March 1998, the Government of Canada presented its first report on the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") regarding "Canada - Certain Measures Concerning Periodicals". This matter will again be on the agenda for the meeting of the DSB on 22 April 1998 and, as provided for in Article 21:6 DSU, Canada presents its second report.

At the last meeting of the DSB, questions were raised about the progress that Canada has made towards implementation and what can be expected, in terms of progress and substance, between now and 30 October 1998. As described in our report of 25 March 1998, changes to the 1998 *Customs Tariff* must be approved by Cabinet and amendments to the *Excise Tax Act* must receive Parliamentary approval through the legislative process for bills. The first step in the process is approval by Cabinet of the changes and of the proposed legislative policy before it is drafted in the form of a bill. This proposed legislative policy is currently being drafted and will be discussed at the highest levels in the near future. Other substantive changes, including changes to the Customs Tariff and to the postal subsidy will also be discussed at that time.

Canada remains committed to a 15-month period of time for implementation of the DSB'S rulings and recommendations as reported to the DSB in August 1997.

---