

CANADA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING PERIODICALS

Status Report By Canada

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 October 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"), Canada is obliged to inform the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") of the status of implementation of the recommendations and rulings in the dispute regarding "Canada - Certain Measures Concerning Periodicals". This matter will again be on the agenda of the DSB on 21 October 1998 and, as provided for in Article 21.6 of the DSU, Canada presents its sixth and final report.

As indicated in our fifth status report presented at the DSB meeting on 22 September 1998, the Government of Canada has announced that it will, in accordance with the DSB rulings and recommendations in this matter, implement the required changes effective 30 October, 1998.

The required parliamentary proceedings to enact the changes respecting the Customs Tariff and Part V.1 of the *Excise Tax Act* have been initiated and are scheduled to be completed before 30 October, 1998. Canada Post will harmonize the commercial postal rates for domestic and foreign publications by reducing the foreign rate (approximately 43 cents) to the Canadian rate (approximately 38 cents) as of 30 October. The Department of Canadian Heritage, in cooperation with Canada Post, has restructured the administration of the postal subsidy program and, as of 30 October, will make payments directly to magazine publishers' accounts at Canada Post for each eligible magazine mailed. Publishers will be billed by Canada Post for the full cost of mailing minus the subsidy they receive.
