

Foreword

This volume brings together the results of analysis and policy research undertaken within, on behalf of, or in collaboration with Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada over the past year. Launched in 2001 as part of the response to the Government of Canada's *Policy Research Initiative*, a government-wide effort to re-create and expand its research capacity, the *Trade Policy Research* series is now in its sixth edition.

Previous volumes have traced the debate in trade policy circles since the watershed developments at the 1999 WTO Ministerial in Seattle, following the progress of the Doha Round, touching on topical issues, including the surge in regional trade agreements, and showcasing research and analysis conducted within the Government of Canada on various aspects of trade policy and economic globalization more generally.

This year's volume continues in that vein. Part I provides a report on a roundtable discussion by international trade experts on the prospects for the Doha Round, taking into account the geopolitical and international macroeconomic context, as well as looming developments on the political calendar.

Part II compiles the papers presented at the conference *Integrative Trade between Canada and the United States—Policy Implications*, organized by Carleton University's Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Ottawa, December 6, 2006. The papers in this part examine the implications of the re-shaping of international commerce through the on-going fragmentation of the production process for our conceptual understanding of trade and investment; the issues posed for statistical agencies in grappling with the changing international industrial landscape; and the implications of these developments for the trade policy community.

Part III includes two papers addressing regional trade issues: an assessment of the impact of trade with Canada on US state-level jobs and output, updating and expanding an earlier study on this theme included in *Trade Policy Research 2004*;

and an assessment of the impact of free trade agreements on Canada's automotive sector.

Through this volume, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada seeks to continue to contribute actively to the discussion concerning the role of international trade and investment in Canada's economy and in the global economy more generally, to continue to work in the spirit of the broader commitment of the Government of Canada to stimulate the development of its applied research capacity, and to further develop links with professional and academic researchers in the field of international commerce.

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