

## Canada/EU Free Trade: Early Indications

The Canada/EU Free Trade negotiations were formally launched on May 6, 2009. The first meeting at ministerial level took place on June 10, 2009 between Canadian International Trade Minister Stockwell Day and European Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton in Montreal. An eventual agreement is anticipated to contribute \$12 billion to Canada's economy and a 20% increase in Canadian exports to the EU. The negotiations are also expected to set a new and higher standard for FTAs, including liberalized access to government procurement at provincial and municipal levels, expanded services trade, and greatly enhanced regulatory cooperation.

We invite you to hear first-hand from a group of informed speakers from government, business and the legal profession.

**When:** July 16, 2009

**Where:** Bennett Jones LLP, Suite 3400, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. Program

8:00 **Overview of the Negotiations**

Don Stephenson Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Policy Negotiations  
(invited)

8:30 **Canadian Importer & Exporter Interests**

Panel with I.E.Canada Members moderated by Milos Barutciski, Bennett Jones

9:15 **Looking Forward: Prospects for an Early Conclusion**

Hon. Roy MacLaren, Canadian Chairman, Canada Europe Roundtable for Business

**This is a complimentary invitation for I.E.Canada members**

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