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Dear Ms. George:

Thank you for your letter of December 1, 2008, concerning Canada's trade remedy system.

I have noted with interest the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's view and the position set out in its September 2006 report, *Canada and China: The Way Ahead*. I would like to assure you and your membership that the Canada Border Services Agency recognizes that a trade remedy system that responds in a timely and fair manner and is cost effective in terms of addressing unfair trade practices is vitally important to the Canadian business community. We will certainly keep the concerns raised by the Chamber in mind as we continue to review and revise our administrative practices within the context of the *Special Import Measures Act* and Canada's international trading rights and obligations.

As you may know, we work closely with other agencies and government departments that have an administrative, policy or legislative role in respect of SIMA or an interest in Canada's trade remedy system. I know that my colleagues in the Departments of Finance and Foreign Affairs and International Trade will be equally interested in the issues you have raised, particularly since they touch on broader trade policy issues that fall under their purview. As a result, I have taken the liberty of forwarding to them a copy of your letter and the Chamber's report.

Once again, I would like to thank you for taking the time to share with us the perspectives of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to a continuing dialogue with the Chamber on these and other trade policy issues as we move forward.

Yours truly,

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