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ITI Minister Attends the Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) Annual Meeting

CHARLOTTETOWN (June 14) – Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment Bob McLeod will be in Charlottetown from June 15-16, 2011 to attend the Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) Annual Meeting.

The Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) was signed by First Ministers on July 18, 2004, and ratified by the Government of the Northwest Territories on September 15, 1994. The AIT is based on the principle that Canadian governments should ensure the free movement of persons, goods, services and investments across the country by removing impediments to internal trade. The liberalizing of trade within Canada has been identified as one of the primary goals of the Council of Federation.

Of primary focus for the Minister will be the approval to the Thirteenth Protocol of Amendment to the AIT which improves the openness and transparency of procurement practice.

Minister McLeod recognizes the links between the AIT and International trade agreements, and will put forward and endorsement in the AIT to ensure that foreign interest do not receive more favourable treatment than domestic.

At the meeting, Minister McLeod will accept the Chairmanship of the CIT on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories. As Chair, Minister McLeod will ask members of the CIT to join him at the 2012 Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Northwest Territories.

To learn more about the AIT visit <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ait-aci.nsf/eng/home>.

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