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### EC'S PROTESTS OVER LIQUOR BOARD PRACTICES

The EC Commission is using the current world trade talks in Geneva to seek an end to practices by provincial liquor control boards that discriminate against EC wine and spirit exports to Canada.

Answering a written question (# 942/78) from a member of the European Parliament, the Commission states:

"The discriminatory mark-up is one of several practices of the Canadian Provincial Liquor Control Boards which discriminate against imports of alcoholic beverages. The Commission has indeed long been aware of this discrimination and has on several occasions made protests, both to the central Canadian authorities and to individual Provinces, against the operations of the Liquor Control Boards in general, and against particular practices, including the discriminatory mark-up.

"By common agreement the matter is now being pursued in the context of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations. In the absence of satisfactory progress in that forum, the Commission will continue its efforts in bilateral discussions."

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