

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CANADA DETAILED ACTION PLAN**  
to the recommendations of Report 2 – Customs Duties of the Spring 2017 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada

| Report Ref. No. | OAG Recommendation  | Departmental Response   | Description of Final Expected Outcome/Result   | Expected Final Completion Date | Key Interim Milestones (Description/Dates)   | Responsible Organization/ Point of Contact (Name, Position, Tel #)   | Indicator of Achievement (For Committee Use Only) |
|-----------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 2.74            | The Department of Finance should review the <i>Customs Tariff</i> to identify specific tariff items that no longer meet their policy objectives and could possibly be modified. | <p>Agreed. In recent years, the Department of Finance has had a proactive tariff policy in support of important economic policy objectives. This includes numerous measures to assist various economic sectors (including, industrial manufacturing, agri-food processors, and transportation), support consumers, and ensure tariff programs for developing countries are aligned with global realities. These efforts are in addition to the many changes made to the <i>Customs Tariff</i> as a result of trade agreements and to simplify its structure and administration.</p> <p>The Department of Finance agrees that it will continue with its proactive approach to tariff policy in support of various government priorities. In doing so, it will review tariff items which could be modified, taking into account, inter alia, Canada's tariff policy objectives and international obligations.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete review of the Customs Tariff to identify tariff items that could be modified, as well as other changes to reduce administrative burden for Canadian businesses.</li> <li>Present options on potential changes to the Customs Tariff for consideration by the Minister of Finance.</li> </ul> | December 2018                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fall 2017: conduct review of the <i>Customs Tariff</i> and develop options for possible amendments.</li> <li>By December 2018: implement any resulting legislative or regulatory amendments.</li> </ul> | <p>Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>International Trade and Finance Branch</p> <p>International Trade Policy Division</p> <p>Trade and Tariff Policy</p> <p>Scott Winter, Chief, 613-369-4034</p> |   |