APPENDIX B: INTERNAL TRADE IN FOCUS: TEN WAYS TO IMPROVE THE CANADIAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

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A COMPARISON OF DISPUTE LIFECYCLES

The two diagrams below show the timeline and lifecycle of a NWPTA and a CFTA dispute. A comparison of the two highlights instances where time-periods found in the CFTA may be trimmed down.

The diagram above is the lifecycle and timeline of a complaint under the NWPTA, assuming that the parties run the course of the complaint all the way until the end of the process that the NWPTA text provides for.
The diagram below is the lifecycle and timeline of a complaint under the CFTA, again assuming that the parties run the course of the complaint all the way until the end of the process that the CFTA text provides for. In comparing the CFTA procedure with the NWPTA, there are four key moments in the lifetime of a CFTA case where the NWPTA procedures suggest that shorter periods of time are possible. These are identified in the CFTA timeline chart in red.

* Assumption: Person Previously Exhausted All Administrative Remedies