



Who Are You Going To Call? — With An Agreement on Internal Trade Question?

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On November 4, 2015, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was sworn into office by the Governor General. Immediately thereafter, each member of Cabinet was sworn into office. After the ceremonies, the Cabinet met and decisions were made. Orders-in-Council were sent to the Privy Council Office. In PC Number: 2015-1260, the Minister of Industry, a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, was designated as the Minister for the purposes of any provision of that the *Agreement on Internal Trade Implementation Act*.

The Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) entered into force on July 1, 1995 and includes government departments, agencies, commissions and crown corporations of the federal government of Canada, and provincial governments(10) and territorial governments (3). The objective and purpose of the AIT is to reduce trade barriers within the Canadian federation. It is like a free trade agreement, but between the federal government of Canada and the provinces and territories.

It used to be (long time ago) that the federal Minister of Internal Trade was responsible for AIT matters. The current Order-in-Council updates things — except, there is no Minister of Industry. On November 4, 2015, Navdeep Bains was appointed as Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development.

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