

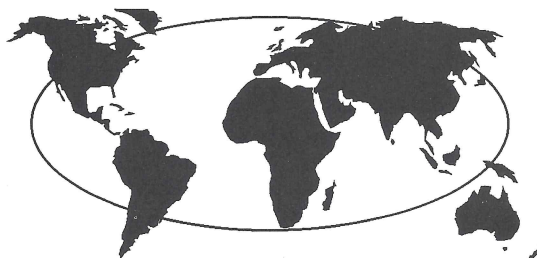


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Smith, Lyons, Torrance, Stevenson & Mayer has been retained by the Government of Ukraine to advise the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations on trade law matters.

In early 1994, Smith Lyons began providing *pro bono* assistance on a specific trade law matter to Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations (MFER). Then during his state visit to Canada in October 1994, President Kuchma and Canadian Prime Minister Chrétien discussed the possibility of Canadian government financial assistance to enable Ukraine to engage specialized trade law advice from Smith

Lyons. This expressed preference was based on several factors. A primary initial factor was the particular qualifications of Smith Lyons' partner, Peter A. Magnus, a recognized expert in international trade law, particularly trade remedy laws such as anti-dumping and countervail (anti-subsidy), as well as a safeguard measures (trade relief to address a surge in imports). A second important factor was Smith Lyons' depth to assist MFER in the Ukrainian and English languages. With bilingual lawyers at all levels of experience (from senior partners through law students), Smith Lyons was perceived to be capable of supporting projects of any size and complexity relating to Ukraine. The third principal factor was the relationship arising from the association between Smith Lyons and the Ukrainian law firm, Sonyuk, Petryna, Kulinich Limited (SPK). The team of Sonyuk, Petryna, Kulinich Limited with Smith Lyons enables the

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Smith Lyons has now been retained by MFER and is actively assisting with policy advice, drafting and structural recommendations with respect to President Kuchma's active program of ensuring Ukraine introduces GATT-compatible trade laws to facilitate Ukraine's GATT-accession.

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