Ottawa, Wednesday, May 29, 2002

Appeal No. AP-91-043

IN THE MATTER OF an appeal under section 81.22 of the *Excise Tax Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-15;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a notice of hearing with respect to this appeal published in the *Canada Gazette* and dated March 1, 2002, from the Canadian International Trade Tribunal.

BETWEEN

DOUTHART CABINETS LTD.

Appellant

AND

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL REVENUE

Respondent

ORDER

WHEREAS the above-noted appeal was filed by the appellant on May 17, 1991, and was held in abeyance for a number of years pending decisions by the Federal Court - Trial Division in *Seine River Cabinets* v. *MNRCE* and *Imperial Cabinet (1980)* v. *MNRCE*;

AND WHEREAS, on February 22, 2001, the Federal Court - Trial Division dismissed the appeal, as the parties had settled this matter;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (the Tribunal) has made a number of efforts to reach Mr. E.R. Reid of Revenue West, the appellant's representative, as well as the company itself, by telephone and the Internet, and those efforts have failed;

AND WHEREAS the appellant has not complied with any of the requirements of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Rules*¹ and, more specifically, has not filed a brief;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal published, in the March 9, 2002, edition of the *Canada Gazette*, a notice of hearing with respect to this appeal, as attempts to locate and communicate Douthart Cabinets Ltd. have been unsuccessful;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal has received no response from the appellant or Revenue West to the Tribunal's notice;

AND WHEREAS the appellant has failed to show cause as to why the appeal should not be dismissed;

AND GIVEN that the appellant has failed to meet the requirements of the Rules of Procedure;

^{1.} S.O.R./91-499 [hereinafter Rules of Procedure].

THEREFORE, the Tribunal orders that the above-noted appeal be dismissed pursuant to paragraph 29(c) of the Rules of Procedure.

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Presiding Member

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