

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

IN RE NEW MOTOR VEHICLES |
CANADIAN EXPORT ANTITRUST |
LITIGATION |

MDL DOCKET No. 1532

In these lawsuits, purchasers of new automobiles have sued American and Canadian automobile manufacturers, distributors and dealers' associations. They claim that an unlawful conspiracy existed among automobile manufacturers, distributors, dealers and dealers' associations to prevent new motor vehicles sold in Canada from being imported to the United States. The manufacturers, distributors and dealers' associations deny these assertions. The plaintiffs are asking the court to let the lawsuits proceed as a class action. Lawsuits making these claims in various federal courts around the country have been transferred to Maine for pretrial proceedings before United States District Judge D. Brock Hornby.

On March 4, 2004, Judge Hornby dismissed three Canadian automobile distributors from these lawsuits, and deferred deciding whether to dismiss another Canadian distributor pending further discovery. Judge Hornby also decided that the purchasers' claim for injunctive relief can proceed in full, but that in order to collect money damages the plaintiffs must join as named defendants the American dealers from whom they purchased or leased their vehicles or the Canadian dealers who refused to do business with them and prove that those dealers joined in the conspiracy.

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