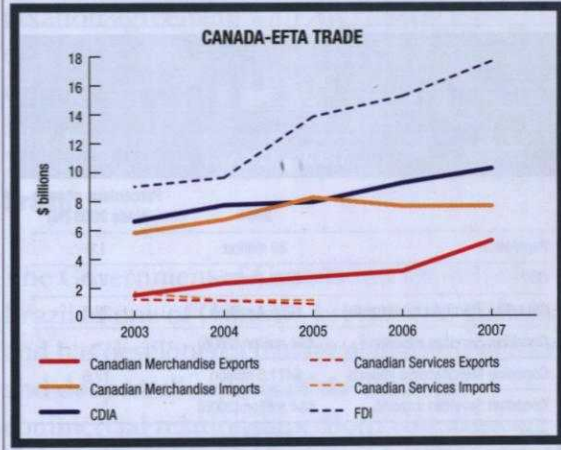


## Chapter 8 Opening Doors to Europe

### European Free Trade Association

	2007	Percentage change since 2006 (%)
Population (includes Liechtenstein)	12.5 million	0.8
GDP	\$891 billion	-
Canadian Merchandise exports	\$5.2 billion	67.1
Canadian Services exports	\$840 million (2005)	-
Canadian Merchandise imports	\$7.6 billion	0.3
Canadian Services imports	\$1.1 billion (2005)	-
CDIA	\$10.2 billion	10.3
FDI	\$17.6 billion	15.8

*Note : Trade in services figures only includes Norway and Switzerland. FDI statistics exclude Iceland and CDIA excludes Liechtenstein.*



The European Free Trade Association countries of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland are developed, modern economies that offer state-of-the-art technology as well as significant potential markets for Canadian firms. The EFTA region is the world's 16th largest trader in merchandise goods, and its members have some of the highest GDPs per capita in the world, ranking among the top 10 countries.<sup>9</sup> For more information on the EFTA free trade agreement, please see Chapter 4, "Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements and Other Initiatives."

<sup>9</sup> These statistics exclude Liechtenstein.