

minority stock (29% and 9%, respectively) positions in two Chilean banks (Sudamericano and Osorno). It is possible, therefore, that Chile's policy of not approving the applications of new banks could be contested by Canada in case of Chile's accession to NAFTA. In such a case, this issue could become part of the negotiation process. Under the current law and regulations, Canadian capital may own insurance companies, securities dealers, or purchase an existing bank (or enter into a joint venture with an established bank), but will not be allowed to open new banks.