

personnel who require entry, their length of service with the applicant company, and the nature of the work they will be performing. Additional information on the date and point of entry, and the intended length of stay will also be required.

Standards

Standards in Canada are not set or regulated by any single agency. Federal, provincial and municipal governments are involved, as well as private agencies. Some of the major private agencies are part of the National Standards System of Canada (NSS), an entity organized and co-ordinated by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC).

The National Standards System is made up of private and public organizations concerned with voluntary standardization in Canada.

The Standards Council of Canada operates a Standards Information Service (SIS) to assist users of standards in identifying and verifying the existence of standards documents; it also identifies the organization responsible for publishing them and advises where and how standards documents may be purchased or procured. The SIS publishes a Directory and Index of Canadian voluntary standards published by the five standards-writing organizations in the NSS.

Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Codes

Building codes are intended primarily to ensure the structural adequacy and fire safety of buildings and to prevent the development of health hazards. A number of provinces have been developing uniform building standards based on the National Building Code of Canada which is gaining widespread acceptance in the country and is often used as the basis for provincial codes. The erection or alteration of a building for commercial or industrial use is normally subject to provincial government control. Drawings and specifications must be submitted to the provincial Department of Labour or equivalent for approval. Municipalities issue building permits for their territories in accordance with their local zoning and building by-laws.

Plumbing codes are usually based on the Canadian Plumbing Code, which is a part of the National Building Code.

Canadian Standards Association (CSA)

The CSA is an independent private organization which is the recognized authority in establishing standards for a wide range of products and services including: electrical installation, electrical apparatus and equipment

to be used with provincial government approval in construction.

CSA issues standards covering consumer durables and is recognized as Canada's main standards setting and product testing organization. The CSA is, in addition, involved in establishing various construction and maintenance codes and to provide a uniform standard for adoption by provincial authorities throughout Canada.

Federal Assistance

The Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) is the focal point of federal government assistance to manufacturing and processing enterprises through their own facilities and through their contacts with all other federal and provincial departments and agencies.

Provincial Assistance

All 10 provincial governments in Canada play a vitally important role in the encouragement of industrial development in the country. Since provinces can concentrate their activities on a particular geographic area, they can provide detailed data and guidance which might otherwise not be available to the interested businessman.

To carry out its specialized work, each province has established its own department or agency. These offices can provide information and advice concerning a particular problem or proposal. For example, detailed reports can be prepared on such subjects as sources of raw materials, power and fuel costs, labour availability, hours of work and wage rates, water and sewer facilities, transportation services and potential markets for products. Tours of selected locations, available plant sites and existing plants for sale or lease can be arranged.

Municipal Assistance

In most cases, the choice of a location involves choosing a municipality. Most municipalities in Canada are actively engaged in attracting new industries to their areas and in assisting established firms with their expansion plans.