Usual Terms and Methods of Payment

Credit terms for most imports can be made up to 180 days from the date of the bill of lading, although those for imports of capital goods are usually up to 10 years, with payments every three or six months.

Product Standards

Canadian exporters must follow the standards and specifications provided by the importer which, in most cases, conform to international norms.

Patents and Trademarks

Patents are registered for 15 years, and must be published within 36 months. The opposition period is 20 days. Trademarks registered in Uruguay can be renewed every 10 years and are fully protected by current Uruguay laws.

If you are considering patents, trademarks, or both, you should contact the Commercial Division of the Canadian Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina for names and addresses of commercial lawyers in Uruguay who will provide appropriate advice.

Membership in International Organizations

Uruguay is a member of numerous international organizations, including:

- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Latin American Economic System (SELA)
- Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP)