

EXEMPT
Sec. 15(1)

CANADIAN OBJECTIVES

In 1981, as a result of growing international discussion concerning the possibility of bringing trade in services under some kind of effective multilateral discipline, the Government set up a Task Force on Trade in Services to report on Canada's interests in regard to prospective multilateral negotiations on trade in services. Canadian interests in possible bilateral negotiations were not considered. The Task Force's conclusion was that Canada had a major interest in the service sector and that the lack of an effective overall instrument governing trade in services could work against a number of specific Canadian trade interests. The Task Force considered that it would appear to be in the Canadian interest to adopt a "bottom up" approach to services negotiations, i.e. that for specific service sectors note would be taken of each country's import regime and negotiations might then take place on transparency, harmonization and liberalization.