

EXEQUATUR

Article 12 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations  
is as follows:

1. The head of a consular post is admitted to the exercise of his functions by an authorization from the receiving State termed an exequatur, whatever the form of this authorization.
2. A State which refuses to grant an exequatur is not obliged to give to the sending State reasons for such refusal.
3. Subject to the provisions of Articles 13 and 15, the head of a consular post shall not enter upon his duties until he has received an exequatur.

In the reply to the foreign missions' note concerning the arrival and appointment of an individual as consul general, consul, vice-consul or honorary consul, it is stated that: "His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to accord definitive recognition to (name) as (designation) at (city), and a notice to that effect will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Canada Gazette". Copies of this reply to the arrival note are sent to DL (2), National Revenue and Government House.

A formal exequatur document is not issued unless specifically requested, and only upon the submission of a formal consular commission document signed by the head of state. In 1967, 50 and in 1968, 20 exequaturs have been printed at a direct cost of \$.77 each.

Procedure:

1. Mr. Morin prepares a worksheet which indicates what is to be printed on the exequatur document.
2. The worksheet, a covering memorandum and a blank document (from the supply of them held by the incumbent) are sent to Mr. McCann of the Secretary of State Department.