



# ► Consumer Goods

## Important market facts

- France exports approximately \$25.1 billion in consumer goods (13.2 per cent of exports).
- Imports of consumer goods total about \$26.2 billion (13 per cent of imports).
- Major export sectors: pharmaceutical products, perfume and cosmetics, cleaning products and clothing.
- Major customers: European Economic Community countries, United States, Switzerland, Spain, Japan and overseas territories.
- Main imported consumer products: parapharmaceuticals, textiles, hosiery products and clothing.
- Weak Canadian penetration of the French market (\$133 million in the textile industries).

## Market trends

- One of France's most promising markets is recreation. It is the sector where demand is strongest.

## Recommendations for Canadian exporters

- Consumer products of interest: textiles, winter clothing, furs, sporting goods, costume jewelry, books, gifts and gadgets.
- Few potential markets for leather goods and household appliances.
- Direct activities towards sports equipment, sportswear, snow boots, recreational centres, etc.

## Additional information

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