

As Canada's 20th largest export market in the world, and its 2nd largest export market in ASEAN, Thailand has become a market of considerable importance to Canada. In 1991 bilateral trade reached CDN\$852 million; Thailand experienced a trade surplus of CDN\$147 million with Canada.

Canadian exports to Thailand reached CDN \$353 million in 1991. Though this figure represents a decline of CDN \$108 million in export levels from the previous year, it illustrates a considerable increase over the trade levels of 1985, when Canadian shipments to Thailand were under CDN \$130 million and the bilateral figure was just over CDN \$230 million. The decline in export levels

from the high in 1990 was to a large degree due to the impact of one major sale in that year, and in part to the slight cooling of the Thai economy and the recession in Canada.

Major Canadian exports to Thailand traditionally have included the following: boilers (power sector), asbestos, tin plate, newsprint, wheat and wood pulp. While such products continue to form a strong base in our exports to this market, there has been a shift to more value added products such as petroleum products, plastics and newsprint. Further, major equipment sales in the transportation, power, communications and paper sectors are on the increase, strongly supported by the Export

TABLE VI MAJOR CANADIAN EXPORTS TO THAILAND
(\$ CDN millions)

PRODUCT CATEGORY	1980	%	1985	%	1990	%	1991	%
Nuclear reactors, boilers, mchy & mech appliance; parts	—		—		58.6	(11.9)	81.8	(23.2)
Salt; sulphur; earth & stone; plastering mat; lime & cement	2.1	(1.5)	10.7	(8.4)	47.2	(9.6)	64.6	(18.3)
Iron & steel	16.4	(11.6)	7.8	(6.1)	24.9	(5.1)	40.2	(11.4)
Paper & paperboard; art of paper pulp, paper/paperboard	1.9	(1.3)	10.8	(8.3)	32.5	(6.6)	33.7	(9.6)
Cereals	N/A		N/A		14.9	(3.0)	23.1	(6.6)
Organic chemicals	0.6	(0.4)	2.4	(1.9)	24.6	(5.0)	21.6	(6.1)
Pulp of wood /of other fibrous cellulosic mat; waste etc.	14.9	(10.5)	9.1	(7.2)	28.6	(5.8)	21.2	(6.0)
Plastics & articles thereof	2.5	(1.7)	7.3	(5.7)	20.8	(4.2)	10.8	(3.1)
Optical, photo, cine, meas, checking, precision, etc.	3.8	(2.7)	1.4	(1.1)	12.2	(2.5)	10.7	(3.0)
Electrical mchy equip parts thereof; sound recorder etc.	5.5	(3.9)	6.2	(4.9)	8.1	(1.7)	6.9	(1.9)
Fertilizers	2.9	(2.0)	0.2	(0.1)	3.7	(0.8)	5.3	(1.5)
Special transaction - trade	—		—		4.3	(0.9)	4.7	(1.3)
Man-made staple fibres	5.6	(3.9)	3.7	(2.9)	5.8	(1.2)	4.4	(1.2)
Aluminium & articles thereof	42.1	(29.7)	24.0	(18.9)	28.4	(5.8)	3.9	(1.1)
Raw hides & skins (other than furskins) and leather	—		—		2.1	(0.4)	2.9	(0.8)
Tool, implement, cutlery, spoon & fork, of base met etc.	—		—		3.4	(0.7)	2.4	(0.7)
Special Classification Provisions	—		—		1.5	(0.3)	1.6	(0.5)
SUB-TOTAL OF ABOVE	98.3		83.6		321.6		339.8	
TOTAL	141.6		126.9		492.1		352.6	

Source: STATISTICS CANADA