

significantly. There is good potential for an increase in exports to Canada of Commonwealth Caribbean agricultural products—especially fruits, vegetables and nuts, in raw or processed forms.

Laws and regulations governing consumer packaging and labelling must be met for the entry of agricultural products into the Canadian market. In addition, Agriculture Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans administer strict standards for agricultural and fisheries products, whether domestically produced or imported; these must be met before seeds, plants, plant products, feed, fertilizer, meat, fish and other food products can be imported into the country. The standards that are most likely to apply to Commonwealth Caribbean agricultural and fish exports to Canada are set out in the following legislation and regulations:

Plants and Seeds

- The Plant Quarantine Act and Regulations apply to the import, export and in-transit movement of plants, plant products and by-products.
- The Seeds Act and Regulations apply to the importation of seeds, the methods by which the entry of seeds is controlled, testing and sampling procedures, etc. and lists the licenced varieties of seeds. All imported seeds are tested to ensure they meet Canadian standards.

A "permit to import" must be obtained by a Canadian resident for the importation into Canada of plants, and plant parts (including seeds), from all countries. This permit should be obtained prior to the arrival of the shipment in Canada. Enquiries regarding these permits and the importation and sale of plants and seeds can be directed to the Food Production and Inspection Branch of Agriculture Canada. (See Annex 2 for address.)

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

- The Canada Agricultural Product Standards Act governs the sale and importation of fresh fruits and vegetables. Regulations under this Act include the following:
 - The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations, which impose quality (grade) standards for fresh fruits and vegetables, whether grown in Canada or imported, as well as packing and marking requirements. Imports of fresh fruit and