

- compiling a directory of Canadian forestry services for export, which include pest and fire management, land utilization, forest renewal and training;
- tracking Canadian foreign mining investment to facilitate more exports of related Canadian services and equipment;
- facilitating international science and technology exchanges, especially with developing countries, in order to develop new markets for Canadian equipment, services and expertise;
- maintaining a web site (cmt-net.nrcan.gc.ca) to disseminate information on the latest technological developments applicable to the mineral industry;
- facilitating joint government/industry research and development to develop mineral industry-related products and services for export.

Investment: NRCan seeks to improve Canada's investment climate by:

- organizing mineral promotion conferences to increase foreign interest in Canada's minerals and metals industries, and to promote Canadian advances in mining, mineral processing and related technologies;
- participating in the Investment Partnerships Canada program, through which NRCan has established high-level relationships with Japanese firms to increase knowledge of Canada's strengths, and which aggressively markets Canada as the North American investment destination of choice.

Revenue Canada (RC)

Given its strong business orientation and its mandate for administering trade agreements and controlling the movement of goods and people at Canada's borders, Revenue Canada plays an active role in international business development. A key strategic international objective is to facilitate trade and investment in order to enhance the competitiveness of Canadian industry.

Market Access: Revenue Canada participates in a number of international organizations and fora with the aim of simplifying procedures, advancing the harmonization of customs rules, and fostering international cooperation.

The World Customs Organization:

- works on revising the Kyoto Convention, the *International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs and Procedures*;
- promotes the continued development and application of the Harmonized System;
- develops rules of origin, and clear guidelines and procedures consistent with the International Valuation Agreement.

The APEC Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures:

- works to harmonize the customs procedures of APEC economies by implementing a 12-point Action Plan;
- participates in the development of harmonized customs policies, procedures and standards in support of trade agreements such as NAFTA, EFTA, and the FTAA;
- moving from domestic data reporting requirements to a harmonized international set of data elements, to streamline the export of commercial goods, beginning with our G7 and APEC trading partners;
- works bilaterally to facilitate the movement of commercial goods, with the U.S. under the Canada-U.S. Shared Border Account and through regional organizations such as the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council;
- provides a tailored outreach program, as well as general services, to domestic exporter clients;
- expands the Single Business Number for reporting to allow exporters to include programs of other government departments;
- encourages, through the Canadian Automated Export Declaration Program (CAED), the continuing move for exporters away from paper-based reporting and toward electronic reporting. CAED software streamlines the collection of export data, and simplifies the process of reporting exports.

Transport Canada (TC)

Safe, efficient, affordable, reliable transportation is critical to sustaining Canada's trade and tourism competitiveness. Transport Canada, through the development and implementation of a broad range of policies, programs and activities, contributes to sustaining Canada's trade and tourism competitiveness.