

- (c) the Official Secrets Act of 1931 as amended in 1950 applies to all public servants in Canada and abroad during and after their period of service. Members of the Department are reminded of the serious consequences which may follow any breach of its provisions.

1-24-10 Publication of Articles

- 1-24-11 Articles prepared for publication in the territory of a post, and related to or bearing on the work of an F.S.O. or the Department, should be intended solely to stimulate interest in Canada and trade with Canada, and should be purely factual.
- 1-24-12 No article which contains or appears to contain official information or observations on the policies of governments, whether Canadian or other, may be published.
- 1-24-13 Articles related to or bearing on the work of an F.S.O. or the Department must not be published in Canada without the prior approval of the Director.

1-24-20 Making of Speeches

- 1-24-21 The duties of an F.S.O. include the making of speeches at home and abroad. Discretion is essential to avoid the use of any observation which makes or can be considered as making comment on the policies of governments, Canadian or other. Whenever the policy of the Canadian Government has been stated in public by a Canadian Cabinet Minister or senior official that same text may be employed if it fits the occasion.

1-24-30 Press Interviews

- 1-24-31 Press interviews are to be avoided except when directly related to the work of the F.S.O. in his territory in which case they must be completely factual and contain no expression of opinion which is or might be construed to be critical of the policy of any government.
- 1-24-32 Press interviews on arrival and departure should refer only to the trends of trade between Canada and the other country and again should be factual and without opinion.

1-24-40 Prior Approval

- 1-24-41 F.S.O.'s, other than Heads of Posts, and F.S.E.'s may not write any article, make any speech or give any press interview without authorization from the Head of Post.
- 1-24-42 The Head of Post may seek the advice of the Department on articles or prepared speeches if he considers it necessary.

1-25 Representations to Governments

- 1-25-1 Apart from routine matters, formal communications by F.S.O.'s with regard to the treatment of Canadian goods or firms by foreign governments should not be directed to those governments without first obtaining the authority of the Department or the Head of Mission.
- 1-25-2 Such representation can be undertaken only with the assistance, co-operation and agreement of the Department of External Affairs.
- 1-25-3 Extreme caution should be exercised in such matters and no action should be taken which might prove embarrassing to the Government of Canada.