

products; and it provides designated symbols with which these goods must be marked. If a product that is imported into Canada contains any of the restricted or prohibited substances listed in the Act, the sale of the product itself is, in practice, prohibited or restricted.

The Regulations under the Act cover mechanical and electrical flammability, as well as chemical and biological hazards. For example, certain window drapes, household chemicals and garment fibres may not be sold or imported into Canada if they present hazards due to their flammability, corrosiveness, etc. Similarly, the sale of articles containing lead, or coated with paints containing lead or with glazes containing lead, is prohibited. Textile products and garments may be subject to certain flammability tests. There are also about twenty rules under the Act applying to the sale or importation of toys; these govern, among other things, the packaging of toys (plastic film cannot be used); the amount of noise they produce; the type of stuffing that can be used; and the type of string that can be attached to kites. Some other goods covered by the Act include furniture, sports equipment (such as helmets and face protectors) and cleaning products. Further information on regulations governing the importation and sale of hazardous products can be obtained from the Product Safety Branch of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. (See Annex 2 for address.)

Intellectual Property

The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs also administers laws that protect intellectual property rights (patents, trade marks, copyright and industrial design). These laws apply to the sale of goods in Canada, including imports. For example, reprints of Canadian copyrighted books, and British copyrighted books that have been copyrighted also in Canada, are not permitted to be sold in Canada.

Enquires relating to intellectual property matters should be addressed to the Intellectual Property Directorate of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. (See Annex 2 for address.)

Health and Standards Regulations Administered by Agriculture Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Canada is a large importer of all kinds of agricultural products; total imports currently amount to over \$6 billion. About half of these imports comprise plantation crops (tea, coffee, cocoa and rubber) and raw or processed fruits, vegetables, and nuts. During the past ten years the general pattern of agricultural imports has not changed