

Subsequent to the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Fish Inspection during President Aquino's visit to Canada in late 1989, imports of Philippine canned tuna and frozen shrimp should increase significantly.

Canada's exports to the Philippines in 1991 totalled CDN \$190 million. Canada has provided between 0.6 percent and 1.3 percent of the Philippines' total import requirements over the past five years.

A large proportion of Canadian exports to the Philippines in 1991 consisted of primary commodities such as mineral products (ores, slag, ash, iron and zinc), wheat and cereals, and semi-transformed products such as electrical machinery,

steel, pulp and paper, and fertilizers. (Refer to Table VII on the following page). Canada's trade strategy has targeted the Philippines as a market opportunity for advanced technology and services; mining equipment and services; the power equipment and energy services; grains and oil seeds; and agriculture and food products and services.

The Philippine government's policy of import liberalization following reforms in 1986 renewed Canadian business interest in the Philippines. While tariffs remain high and some products are still subject to import controls, there are no particular labelling, packaging or standards requirements and relatively few non-tariff barriers to export in the

TABLE VI MAJOR CANADIAN IMPORTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES
(\$ CDN millions)

PRODUCT CATEGORY	1980	%	1985	%	1990	%	1991	%
Articles of apparel & clothing accessories textiles	16.2	(15.9)	33.4	(30.6)	54.3	(26.9)	52.9	(25.0)
Electrical machinery equip parts; sound recorder etc.	5.2 [†]	(5.1)	3.2 [†]	(2.9)	49.0	(24.3)	50.4	(23.8)
Prep of meat, fish or crustaceans	0.5	(0.5)	8.7	(8.0)	14.8	(7.3)	14.9	(7.0)
Clothes & watches & parts thereof	2.8	(2.7)	3.3	(3.0)	12.8	(6.4)	14.0	(6.6)
Articles of leather	—		—		12.0	(5.9)	11.8	(5.6)
Prep of vegetable, fruit, nuts	11.3	(11.1)	13.0	(11.0)	7.1	(3.5)	8.8	(4.2)
Edible fruit & nuts	6.1 [•]	(6.0)	7.3 [•]	(6.7)	6.7	(3.3)	7.9	(3.7)
Furniture; * misc manufactured articles	8.3 [▲]	(8.2)	7.1 [▲]	(6.5)	6.8	(3.4)	5.9	(2.8)
Animal/veg fats & oils	10.9	(10.7)	6.1	(5.6)	0.3	(0.2)	4.9	(2.3)
Footwear	5.2	(5.1)	2.9	(2.6)	3.2	(1.6)	4.6	(2.2)
Boilers, machinery & mech appliance; parts	#		#		3.4	(1.7)	4.4	(2.1)
Wood & articles of wood; wood charcoal	7.0	(6.9)	5.8	(5.3)	4.2	(2.1)	3.9	(1.8)
Manufactures of straw	—		1.9 [†]	(1.7)	4.6	(2.3)	3.9	(1.8)
Fish & crustacean	••		••		3.6	(1.8)	2.6	(1.2)
Toys, games & sports requisites; parts & access thereof	▲▲		▲▲		2.1	(1.0)	2.4	(1.1)
Ceramic products	—		—		1.1	(0.6)	1.4	(0.7)
Sub-Total of Above	73.5		92.7		186.0		194.7	
Total	101.4		109.0		201.8		211.5	

- * Estimate
- Nuts only
- Included in prepared meat, fish & crustaceans
- ▲ Includes toys, games

- ▲▲ Included in furniture and misc manufactured items
- † Includes boilers, mech appliances
- # Includes in electrical mchy, equip parts

Source: STATISTICS CANADA