

1991. Singapore exports to Canada have increased more rapidly than Canadian exports to Singapore and have contributed to a trade deficit for Canada currently in the order of CDN \$233 million. Canadian exports to Singapore were valued at CDN \$356 million in 1991, while imports from Singapore totalled CDN \$589 million.

Although two-way trade has been growing at a rapid rate, each country is still a modest player in the other's market. With Canada's 0.5 percent share of Singapore's total imports and its 0.9 percent share of Singapore's total exports, there is much room for further growth in bilateral trade.

Canada's exports, which, in the early 1980's, consisted to a large degree of primary products, are now more equally distributed among the primary

and manufacturing sectors. Canada's major exports are unwrought silver and gold, helicopters and aircraft parts, machinery, telecommunications and other electrical equipment, and paper (including newsprint). In contrast, exports of fertilizers and other chemical products, vegetable products and specialized instrumentation and equipment have thus decreased in importance. Table VI below provides a more detailed picture of Canadian exports to Singapore over the last decade.

The composition of Singapore's exports to Canada has also changed over the last decade. In 1991, 78 percent of Singapore's exports to Canada were electronic equipment (and components) including computers, televisions, machinery and mechanical appliances. These products have

TABLE VI MAJOR CANADIAN EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE
(\$ CDN millions)

PRODUCT CATEGORY	1980	%	1985	%	1990	%	1991	%
Natural/cultured pearls, prec stones & metals, coin etc.	—		—		83.3	(21.9)	70.4	(19.8)
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts thereof	3.7	(1.8)	5.2	(4.9)	45.7	(12.0)	66.0	(18.5)
Boilers, mchy & mech appliance; parts	#		#		44.2	(11.6)	36.8	(10.3)
Electrical mchy equip parts thereof; sound recorder etc.	18.1 [†]	(9.1)	24.7 [†]	(23.3)	37.5	(9.8)	32.0	(9.0)
Paper & paperboard	21.2	(11.1)	10.3	(9.7)	28.4	(7.4)	30.2	(8.5)
Special Transaction - Trade	0.4	(0.2)	0.3	(0.3)	49.5	(13.0)	29.3	(8.2)
Special Classification Provisions	—		—		11.4	(3.0)	17.6	(4.9)
Plastics & articles thereof	4.9	(2.4)	4.5	(4.2)	9.0	(2.4)	12.9	(3.6)
Iron & steel/Base Metals & articles 1984/85	18.5 [△]	(9.3)	7.4 [△]	(6.9)	3.5	(0.9)	6.8	(1.9)
Miscellaneous grain, seed, fruit etc.	10.6 [*]	(5.3)	10.3 [*]	(9.7)	8.1	(2.1)	6.7	(1.9)
Zinc & articles thereof	△△		△△		4.7	(1.2)	5.9	(1.7)
Optical, photo, measuring instruments	7.7	(3.9)	6.0	(5.6)	6.7	(1.8)	5.6	(1.6)
Man-made staple fibres	N/A		N/A		2.8	(0.7)	3.9	(1.1)
Tools, implements, cutlery	△△		△△		1.9	(0.5)	2.4	(0.7)
Carpets & other textile floor coverings	N/A		N/A		3.9	(1.0)	2.2	(0.6)
Man-made filaments	N/A		N/A		0.9	(0.2)	2.0	(0.6)
Articles of iron or steel	△△		△△		1.8	(0.5)	1.9	(0.5)
SUB-TOTAL OF ABOVE	85.1		68.7		343.3		338.2	
Total	198.1		106.3		381.3		356.1	

[†] Includes boilers, mchy & mech appliances
[#] Included in Electrical mchy equipment total
[△] Includes all base metals and articles
^{△△} Included in figure 'B', all base metals and articles
^{*} Includes all vegetable products

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