V. YOUR BUSINESS VISIT TO TURKEY

Passports and Visas

Travellers to Turkey must carry valid passports. Visas are not required by Canadian passport holders intending to visit Turkey for less than three months. For a visit exceeding three months, a residency permit must be obtained and the police notified of the address.

Visitors applying for a residency permit before the expiry of the three months will be charged for a permit (valid for six months from the date of arrival) and for the entry visa. Residency permits are valid for one or two years. Foreigners in the following categories are granted a residency permit, free of charge, for one year:

- persons arriving with the exclusive object of scientific research and work;
- newspaper correspondents doing no other work; and
- specialists employed by Turkish government departments and municipalities.

Travel regulations are liable to change at short notice. Businesspersons planning a visit are advised to consult their travel agent or Turkish consular authorities in Canada before departure.

Vaccinations

Visitors are not required to produce vaccination certificates except when travelling from an infected area. As there have been occasional outbreaks of cholera in the Middle East and Eastern Turkey, vaccination against the disease is advisable. Vaccinations against malaria, typhoid and polio are also recommended.

Currency

The official currency is the Turkish lira (TL). Businesspersons are advised to consult their banks for the latest rate of exchange. Denominations of the currency in circulation are