

TABLE 17
CANADIAN EXPORTS OF PAPER TO MEXICO
(\$000 Canadian dollars)

	1988	1989	1990	1991	JAN-NOV 1993
Newsprint	6,635	6,618	15,923	34,489	26,543
Writing & printing pap.	1,324	3,321	4,195	7,274	1,965
Kraft paper/paperboard	320	243	18	0	27
Other uncoated	314	166	39	0	0
Copying/transfer papers	14	32	34	0	0
Coated paper/paperboard	73	5	48	109	1,558
Cigarette paper	40	17	0	0	0
Tissue paper products	66	2,707	6,026	9,804	122
Cartons/boxes/bags	102	48	208	98	453
Albums	130	214	265	276	244
Labels	38	31	21	95	495
Other	23	130	114	17	51
TOTAL	9,079	13,532	26,891	52,162	31,458

Source: Statistics Canada - International Trade Division

According to official Canadian data, Canadian exports to Mexico, have increased year after year since 1988, from Cdn\$9.1 million to Cdn\$52.2 million in 1991. Three categories account for the vast majority of imports: newsprint, sanitary articles of paper and writing and printing paper. Canadian imports from Mexico were valued at Cdn\$1 million in 1991, down from Cdn\$4.1 million in 1988 as a result of the reduction of tissue paper imports from Cdn\$3.7 million to only Cdn\$55,000.

4.1.3 LOCAL PRODUCTION

There are a total of eight pulp and paper producing firms and another 58 paper producers. Mexico's paper production capacity reached 38 million metric tons in 1991, up from 2.8 million tons in 1982. Paper production capacity has been increasing year after year during this period, at an average annual rate of 3.5%. The following table describes total installed capacity and its percentage use by category.