

2. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

2.1. COMMITMENT

Recognizing that the protection, preservation and enhancement of the environment is a global priority, DFAIT will apply sound environmental practices to the management of its resources and operations in Canada and at missions abroad. Specific commitments are outlined in section 3.

A. Environmental Stewardship

DFAIT adopts the Canadian Code of Environmental Stewardship as the basis for environmental management of its facilities and resources.

B. Environmental Impact Assessments

DFAIT will conduct environmental impact assessments as required by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act; the 1990 Cabinet Directive on the Environmental Assessment Process for Policy and Program Proposals; international commitments; and the laws, guidelines and practices of foreign jurisdictions.

C. Environmental Reviews

DFAIT will initiate environmental reviews of its operations and will report annually to the Minister on its environmental performance.

2.2. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

With other federal departments and agencies, DFAIT is required to comply with numerous statutory and non-statutory requirements pertaining to environmental management including the following:

Statutory Requirements

- ◆ Related international agreements and provincial and foreign legislation
- ◆ Canadian Environment Protection Act (CEPA)
- ◆ Canadian Environment Assessment Act (CEAA)
- ◆ CEAA Regulations, including the Projects Outside Canada Regulation

Non-Statutory Requirements

- ◆ Canadian Code of Environmental Stewardship
- ◆ 1990 Cabinet Directive on the Environmental Assessment Process for Policy and Program Proposals (rev. 1993)
- ◆ Canadian Environmental Audit Standards