

Canada's IAP Means Business

Canada has recently implemented a series of added features to its own IAP in order to enhance this important tool and bring it more into line with the needs of the business community. Canada's new IAP format is more user-friendly, making it easier to find detailed information and containing a number of additional references, such as:

- Contacts for business-related issues have been highlighted, such as how to obtain an import permit or how to present an application to the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) to benefit from preapproved low-risk trader status.
- IAP chapters have been cross-referenced under user-friendly categories such as buying and selling to/from Canada, investing in Canada and Canada's legal framework.
- A section listing all the resources linked to the general theme "Doing Business in Canada" has been added.
- Canada's enhanced IAP is easily accessible through the APEC-Canada Web site: www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/canada-apec.

Examples of the type of business information to be found under the various categories of Canada's IAP include:

Buying and Selling to/from Canada

Tariffs:

- Updated information on tariff reduction and elimination. For instance, on January 1, 2003, Canada eliminated tariffs and tariff rate quotas on practically all imports from 48 Least-Developed Countries (LDCs).
- The current status of Canada's free trade negotiations.

Non-tariff measures:

- Requirements for agricultural and food products, textile and clothing products.
- Regulations applicable to trade in firearms, explosives, hazardous waste and ozone-depleting substances.
- Information on monitoring systems such as the mandatory steel import permit.