

FACT SHEET: UNITED KINGDOM

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 55,930,000

GNP (1981): US\$500 billion

GNP per capita (1981): US\$8,921

Currency: Pound Sterling 1 - Cdn \$2.40

Inflation Rate (1981): 12.0%

B. TRADE

The U.K. ranks fifth in terms of total world trade.

Total Exports 1980*: US\$115.7 billion

Principal Items: machinery, transport equipment,
steel, textiles, chemicals,
whisky, gin

Total Imports 1980*: US\$120.15 billion

Principal Items: manufactured goods, aircraft,
chemicals, foodstuffs and
agricultural products.

C. TRADE WITH CANADA

The U.K. is Canada's most important trading partner in Europe. Total two-way trade in 1981 was worth \$5,555 million. It is our fourth most important export market and our sixth most important source of imports.

Canada has consistently enjoyed a trade surplus with the U.K. In 1981, exports increased by 4.2% while imports grew by 13.1%.

	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
Exports	2,588.8	3,187.0	3,321.3
Imports	1,928.3	1,974.0	2,233.3

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*Accurate figures for 1981 not available due to industrial dispute in U.K. Civil Service in 1981.