

The InfoCentre should be the first contact point for advice on how to start exporting. It provides information on export-related programs and services, acts as an entry point to DFAIT's trade information network, and can provide copies of specialized export publications and market information to interested companies.

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*FaxLink is a faxback system which provides summaries on a range of Mexican markets. It must be contacted through your fax machine. Dial from your fax phone and follow the voice prompt instructions.

The Trade and Economic Division of the Embassy of Canada in Mexico can provide vital assistance to Canadians venturing into the Mexican market. The trade commissioners are well-informed about the market and will respond in whatever measures possible to support a Canadian firm's presence in Mexico.

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International Trade Centres have been established across the country as a convenient point of contact to support the exporting efforts of Canadian firms. The centres operate under the guidance of DFAIT and all have resident trade commissioners. They help companies determine whether or not they are ready to export, assist firms with market research and planning, provide access to government programs designed to promote exports, and arrange for assistance from the trade commissioners in Ottawa and trade officers abroad. Contact the International Trade Centre nearest you.

World Information Network for Exports (WIN Exports) is a computer-based information system designed by DFAIT to help Canada's trade development officers abroad match foreign needs to Canadian capabilities. It provides users with information on the capabilities, experience and interests of more than 24,000 Canadian exporters. For general information, call (613) 944-4WIN (4946); to register on WIN Exports, call (613) 996-2057, or fax 1-800-667-3802 or (613) 944-1078.

Program for Export Market Development (PEMD)

PEMD is DFAIT's primary export promotion program. It supports a variety of activities to help Canadian companies expand into export markets. PEMD shares up to 50 percent of eligible expenses. Program financial assistance is a repayable contribution, not a grant, and must be approved

in advance. For general information, call the InfoCentre at 1-800-267-8376. For applications for assistance through this program, call the International Trade Centre nearest you. In Quebec, PEMD is administered by the 13 regional offices of the Federal Office of Regional Development (FORD Q).

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Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

CIDA is an important possible source of financing for Canadian ventures in Mexico. A special fund is available through CIDA under the Industrial Cooperation Program (INC). This program provides financial contributions to stimulate Canadian private-sector involvement in developing countries by supporting long-term business relationships such as joint ventures and licensing arrangements. For more information, call (819) 997-7905, or fax (819) 953-5024.

Export Development Corporation (EDC)

EDC helps Canadian exporters compete in world markets by providing a wide range of financial and risk management services, including export credit insurance, financing to foreign buyers of Canadian goods and services, and guarantees.

EDC has established relationships with leading commercial and public sector institutions in Mexico and Latin America. For information on the full range of EDC services, call (613) 598-2500, or fax (613) 598-6858.