

III. Analysis of Canada's Air Transport Bilateral Agreements

This section describes the nature of the bilateral air services agreements Canada has with the rest of the world. It describes the bilateral process and its historical development, then describes the general nature of the bilateral agreements Canada has entered into.

A. The Chicago Formula for Bilateral Air Services Agreements

Canada's bilaterals have generally been patterned on the 1944 Chicago Convention formulation which sets out a standard text suggested for use by contracting parties. This consists of a general text, which sets out the basis of the agreement, and various schedules, annexes and appendices which clarify, modify, augment or limit the operations of services allowed under the agreement.

The content of the standard form of bilateral agreement can be considered in four categories:

- Grant of commercial rights
- Rules of commercial activity
- Technical matters
- Legal and administration