

year-round, to answer your questions. If you're calling in Canada, dial 1-800-461-9999 to reach the Automated Customs Information System. Outside Canada or from Ottawa, call (613) 993-0534.

The booklet *I Declare* describes what you can and cannot bring back to Canada if you have been away for less than a year. For information on how to order this booklet, turn to page 32.

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### Illegal Souvenirs

While travelling outside Canada, you may decide to purchase souvenirs. Unfortunately, many attractive items sold in foreign countries are made from endangered plants or animals.

Crocodile-skin briefcases and wallets, python-skin boots, ivory bracelets and carvings, coral earrings, cactus rainsticks, tortoise shells, orchids and parrots are some of the more common items illegally brought back to Canada. These items are included in the more than 40,000 species of wild animals and plants regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Under Canada's **Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (WAPPRIITA)**, a violation of CITES could lead to seizure of your purchase, as well as stiff penalties of up to \$150,000 and/or prison terms of up to five years.

The same rules apply if you already own an item made from a controlled wild animal or plant and you wish to take it out of Canada. Since other countries also have strict laws, it's safer to leave these items at home.

To determine what you can and cannot legally bring back into Canada, please call **Environment Canada** at (819) 997-1840 or fax them at (819) 953-6283.

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### After Residing Abroad

After a stay abroad of more than a year, there are special import provisions for household items and personal belongings when you move back to Canada. Information is contained in the

brochure *Moving Back to Canada?*, available from Canadian missions abroad, your local customs office or from the Communications Branch, Revenue Canada, Customs and Excise, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0L5, telephone (613) 993-0534 or 1-800-461-9999 (within Canada).

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## PART FIVE: PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

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### International Relations

- Diplomatic, Consular and Other Representatives in Canada*

This publication may be obtained for approximately \$15.00 plus GST and shipping by writing to: Canada Communication Group — Publishing, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0S9 or by calling (613) 956-4800.

- Her Own Way: Practical Tips & Advice for the Canadian Woman Traveller*
- A Guide for Canadians Imprisoned Abroad*
- Crossing the 49th: A Compendium of the Bumps on the Road for Canadians Going South*
- International Child Abductions: A Manual for Parents*
- Mexico: Tips for Business & Travel*
- Hong Kong: A Guide for Visiting and Resident Canadians*
- A Guide for Canadian Performing Artists Entering the U.S.A.*

These are available through Foreign Affairs' InfoCentre. The address is InfoCentre, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2. The telephone number is 1-800-267-8376 (in Canada), or (613) 944-4000.

This information may also be accessed via the Internet. The World Wide Web address is: <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca>