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Export and Investment Promotion Planning System

MISSION: 348 KUWAIT

COUNTRY: 311 KUWAIT

Projects or portion of projects which are still in the planning stage and for which Canadian companies might have reasonable prospects.

The Trade Office reports that the following factors influence Canadian export performance in this market for this sector (sub-sector).

- there are import restrictions which can present significant problems - exports of certain products or services to this country are subject
- to Canadian export controls
- the degree of import duty protection of local industry tends to be low

In the Trade Office's opinion, Canadian export performance in this sector (sub-sector) in this market is lower than optimum mainly because of:

- a lack of interest in the market on the part of Canadian exporters
- non competitive pricing
- the apparent limited sectoral capability in Canada compared to other competing export countries
- difficulties of adaptation of marketing techniques to the market by some Canadian companies
- other factor(s) described by the Trade Office as follows:
 FAILURE OF CANADIAN COMPANIES TO ACTIVELY PURSUE IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES.
 - INFREQUENT MARKET VISITS

Some Canadian exporters to this market in this sector(sub-sector) have enjoyed success previously as a result of a variety of factors which the trade office reports to include:

- participation in trade fairs
- use of Canadian Government export promotion activities
- use of provincial governments export promotion activities

The Trade Office has recommended that a comprehensive market study of this sector (sub-sector) would enhance the knowledge of Canadian exporters to this market.

The Trade Office suggests that sourcing tools currently available to them have some limitiations in particular:

In support of Canadian exports in this sector (sub-sector) the Trade Office is currently engaged in activities which include:

Activity: FOLLOW-UP ON ONTARIO/FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN MEDICARE'87

Results Expected: PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE CORRESPONDENCE WITH KEY CONTACTS