

6. ANNEX 2 - DFAIT CODE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP¹

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade fully supports the principle of sustainable development. To reflect this commitment in all aspects of its operations and activities in Canada and at Canadian missions abroad -- from the implementation of Canadian foreign and international trade policy to facility management, procurement, and waste management -- the Department commits:

- ◆ To integrate environmental concerns with operational, financial, safety, health, economic development and other relevant concerns in decision-making;
- ◆ To meet or exceed the letter and spirit of federal environmental laws and, where appropriate, to be compatible with provincial and international standards;
- ◆ To improve the level of employee awareness of the environmental and health benefits and risks of operational decisions and to encourage and recognize employee actions;
- ◆ To apply environmentally responsible management practices to hazardous substances used in operations, including biological products, specifically with regard to the acquisition, handling, storage, safety in use, transportation and disposal of such substances;
- ◆ To ensure that environmental considerations are integrated into government purchasing policies and practices;
- ◆ To seek cost-effective ways of reducing the input of raw materials, toxic substances, energy, water and other resources, and of reducing the generation of waste and noise associated with day-to-day operations; and
- ◆ To acquire, manage and dispose of lands in a manner that is environmentally sound, including the protection of ecologically significant areas

¹ Based on the Code on Environmental Stewardship endorsed in the Green Plan.