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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canadians who are owners of movables, valuables, negotiable papers, etc. deposited with institutions, banks and enterprises in Poland before May 9, 1945 have, under a Polish Government decree of September 6, 1951, six months from the date of its publication (September 8, 1951) to withdraw these items from deposit.

Failing withdrawal, the decree provides that the objects will become state property, unless claim has been filed and deposits cannot be delivered under Polish regulations. Deposits with museums are specifically excluded from the legislation.

Persons in Canada who have reason to believe that the Polish decree affects them may obtain a translation of the full text by writing to the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa.

The Department cannot, however, undertake to supply interpretations or opinions concerning the applicability of this decree in any given case. Owners should, therefore, communicate with the Polish institutions which hold their deposits directly or through their agents or attorneys in Poland.

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