

**FACT SHEET - SINGAPORE**

July 1991

**Area:** 626 sq km

**Population:** 2.7 million (1990)

**Capital:** City State

**System of Government:** Constitutional Parliamentary Democracy

**Prime Minister:** Goh Chok Tong

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** Wong Kan Seng

**Minister for Trade and Industry:** B. G. Lee Hsien Loong

**Language:** English, Mandarin, Malay, Tamil **Ethnic Background:** Chinese 77%, Malay 15%, East Indian 7%

**GDP:** US \$31.73 b (1990f) **Per Capita Income:** US \$10,270 (1989) **Currency:** Spore \$=Cdn \$0.63

**Inflation Rate:** 3.1% (1990f) **Debt Service Ratio:** 4.3% (1990f) **Unemployment Rate:** 2.5% (1989)

**Major Trading Partners (1989):**

Exports (Total: US \$47.0 billion)

1. USA (\$10.9 b)
2. Malaysia (\$6.4 b)
3. Japan (\$4.0 b)
4. Hong Kong (\$2.5 b)
5. Thailand (\$2.1 b)

Imports (Total: US \$52.3 billion)

1. Japan (\$11.2 b)
2. USA (\$9.0 b)
3. Malaysia (\$6.9 b)
4. Saudi Arabia (\$2.9 b)
5. Taiwan (\$2.6 b)

**Canadian Trade Statistics:** (Cdn \$ millions)

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Exports	146.3	168.0	275.2	243.5	381.3
Imports	208.3	291.4	466.9	502.4	551.8
Balance	-62.0	-123.4	-191.7	-258.9	-170.5

**Major Canadian Exports 1990** (Cdn \$ million)

Gold & Silver, unwrought	83,290
Helicopters & parts	45,667
Boilers, mchy & mech appliance	44,201
Electrical mchy eqpt parts	37,510
Paper & paperboard	28,447

**Major Canadian Imports 1990** (Cdn \$ million)

Boilers, mchy & mech appl.	279,548
Electrical mchy eqpt parts	146,507
Clothing, not knitted/crocheted	18,139
Organic chemicals	17,050
Clothing, knitted or crocheted	14,910

**Main Sectors of Opportunity for Canadian Business:**

1. Advanced Technology Products & Services
2. Defence Programs/Products/Services
3. Agriculture & Food Products
4. Transportation Systems/Equipment
5. Oil & Gas Equipment/Services

**EDC Status:** On cover

**CIDA Status:** Not program country

**Resident Canadian Banks:** Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank, Toronto Dominion Bank

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