

## A POCKET GUIDE FOR CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES



### Introduction

On June 4, 2005, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) launched the web-based *International Trade Agreements and Local Government: a Guide for Canadian Municipalities*. This publication is a companion to the online Guide [www.municipalguide.gc.ca](http://www.municipalguide.gc.ca).

The online Guide was developed by DFAIT at the request of and in collaboration with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). It is intended for use by municipal officials as a consolidated source of information about Canada's trade agreements and as a practical tool for assessing how provisions in those agreements might affect municipal activities.

**Municipal measures would also need to be considered in the context of the *Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)* and any obligations that might apply to the activities of municipalities. For more information on the AIT and its provisions, please consult: <http://www.ait-aci.ca>**

**Municipalities should seek legal advice as appropriate.**

This "Pocket Guide" is designed to provide municipal officials with quick access to key points of information from the online Guide in an easy-to-use and portable format. As such, the Pocket Guide provides:

- an overview of Canada's trade agreements;
- an explanation of their core principles, obligations and resulting best practices;