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The Department of External Affairs announced today that discussions had taken place in Ottawa recently between representatives of the governments of Canada and Poland concerning customs valuation procedures and general trade matters. These talks were held at the request of the Government of Poland which had expressed its concern at the special valuation procedures which Canadian customs authorities have been applying to certain imports from Poland.

During the consultations arrangements were worked out by agreement between the two Governments which it is hoped will permit satisfactory verification of the values of goods imported from Poland, within the requirements of Canadian customs laws.

Representatives of both governments expressed a desire to increase trade between the two countries. It was noted that Polish import agencies are free to purchase the large variety of Canadian goods which are not subject to restrictions on security grounds. Similarly there are opportunities for Canadian importers to purchase various goods from Poland. It is for the firms and agencies concerned in the two countries to arrange such transactions where they find it advantageous to do so.

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