

Chapter 11

Government Procurement

Bilateral and Regional Agreements

Canada's bilateral and regional free trade negotiations offer another opportunity to pursue greater access to government procurement markets through the inclusion of a government procurement chapter in the resulting agreements. The first of Canada's regional agreements to have a government procurement chapter was NAFTA (Chapter 10). A procurement chapter with Chile, negotiated in 2006, is expected to be implemented under the Canada-Chile FTA in 2008, and the recently concluded FTA with Peru

also includes a procurement chapter. In addition, government procurement is included in Canada's free trade negotiations with CAFTA, CARICOM, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Singapore and South Korea. Government procurement market interests will also be addressed by the economic partnership study with the European Union.

For further information on Canada's government procurement negotiations, please visit www.international.gc.ca/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/fo/gp.aspx.