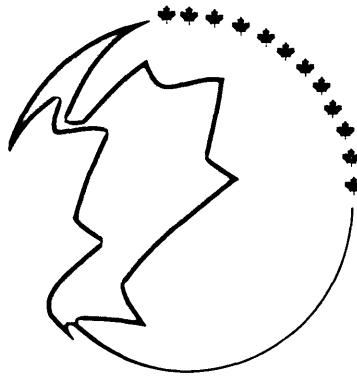


- **Other initiatives:** The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Industry Canada are combining efforts on market intelligence and information to produce electronic tools designed to help Canadian companies in the export market. As well, common program guidelines have been established to apply across the government, focussing financial support on smaller firms. In addition, a co-ordinated approach to assist exporters when they need concerted government support to compete abroad is being developed.



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