

able to obtain bank reports. The Embassy uses a Swedish company, Justitita International, for credit reports and will obtain one on request. The cost is approximately Can \$60 billed through the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa. In addition, every incorporated Swedish company must file annual financial reports with the government. Copies of these are available on request for a small fee to cover photocopying costs.

Pricing

Although most Canadian companies would prefer to quote f.o.b. factory, many importers in other countries are not sufficiently aware of Canadian transportation services to convert such quotations into delivered prices. Often Canadian companies exporting to Sweden must compete with European suppliers. Therefore, Canadian exporters could be at a disadvantage if their prices are not easily comparable to European based prices. Thus it is advisable to quote prices c.i.f. Göteborg, the main ocean-based gateway into Sweden.

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