

Canada - Cameroon Economic Relations

Canada - Cameroon commercial relations fall under the framework of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT). Since July 1, 1974, Cameroon has been a beneficiary of Canada's Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) which is applied to developing countries.

Traditionally, the volume of commercial exchange between Canada and Cameroon has been modest, fluctuating with the activities of CIDA in Cameroon.

In 1978 Canada's exports to Cameroon reached a peak because of ship sales financed by CIDA totalling \$12.5 million. In recent years principal exports to Cameroon have been metal products, office paper, aircraft parts, prefabricated homes, and mining, telecommunications, construction, refrigeration and forestry equipment. Imports from Cameroon consist mainly of coffee and forest products.

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 (Jan-Apr)
Cdn Exports (\$000's)	1,490	7,725	2,785	1,405	14,590	3,870
Cdn Imports (\$000's)	3,338	3,861	5,369	41	887	--

The growing interest in Canada/Cameroon economic relations is reflected in the numerous missions to each country by representatives from both the public and private sectors. Last June 24-30, 20 officials and businessmen headed by Mr. Youssoufa Daouda, Minister of Economy and Planning, visited Canada. During their stay, they discussed possible