

## CHAPTER XVI

### TRADE AND COMMERCE

16.01 With respect to commercial matters consular officers will ordinarily correspond direct with the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. However, where it is felt that the information contained is of a general nature a copy should be forwarded to the Department of External Affairs for consideration both from the point of view of economic and political interests.

16.02 a. Officers whether deriving their pay from the External Affairs vote or from the Trade and Commerce vote will in like measure carry out instructions received from either Department with respect to commercial matters.

b. In trade matters the Department of Trade and Commerce only will give directions. However, the Department of External Affairs may from time to time, ask for reports on certain general commercial questions.

16.03 a. For the time being, all consular officers performing trade functions will follow the instructions laid down in the volume of instructions for guidance of the Officers of the Trade Commissioner Service.

b. Officers not deriving their pay from the Trade and Commerce vote will not act in trade matters until specifically instructed to do so.

16.04 Where a Consulate is situated in the same city as a Canadian diplomatic mission, on the staff of which there are commercial counsellors or commercial secretaries, the consular officer will not ordinarily be required to perform duties concerning commercial matters.