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The Agreement on Test and Evaluation of
US Defence Systems in Canada: Highlights

The Governments of Canada and the United States have concluded a framework agreement under which separate Project Arrangements can be negotiated for the use of Canadian test ranges and airspace for the testing and evaluation of US defence systems. Systems to be tested under the agreement could include artillery equipment, helicopters, surveillance and identification systems, advanced non-nuclear munitions, aircraft navigation systems and the guidance system for unarmed cruise missiles. Testing in Canada would take advantage of climatic and terrain conditions not available in the United States.

The agreement has the following features:

- Specific test and evaluation proposals may be put forward by the US Department of Defense for consideration by the Canadian Minister of National Defence or his representative. If approved, a Project Arrangement will be concluded between the US Department of Defense and the Canadian Department of National Defence. Canada may refuse any proposal.
- No nuclear, biological or chemical warfare materials may be brought into Canada under the agreement. The agreement specifically prohibits the testing of armed cruise missiles.
- Canadian laws and regulations will apply to all operations in Canada.