

CANADA - EL SALVADOR TRADE

Canada's exports to El Salvador have increased and diversified during the 1980's. Although the composition of El Salvador's exports to Canada has traditionally been dominated by agricultural products, there are indications that this commodity structure is expanding.

Both trading partners have witnessed solid growth in their exports during the 1980's. El Salvador's exports to Canada grew from \$25 million in 1984 to \$41.7 million in 1988, while Canadian exports increased from \$15.8 million to \$23 million during the same period.

Coffee, cotton and sugar comprise most of El Salvador's exports to Canada. The manufacturing sector, however, particularly textiles, is growing in strength and is garnering an increasing share of total exports.

Major Canadian export items include industrial raw materials such as chemicals and plastics, newsprint and parts for machinery. Opportunities for increased exports exist in the agricultural sector, specifically, agrochemicals, genetic material and veterinary medicines and equipment.

Canada-El Salvador bilateral trade is on a steady path of growth and diversification. Expansion of our trading relationship will parallel the stability and growth of El Salvador's economy.