

Humane Trapping Agreement:

The Canada-European Union Humane Trapping Agreement (1997) establishes the stringent scientific basis by which standards will be applied to all trapping methods involving mechanical devices with respect to the capture of 19 species of wild mammals. These standards will apply regardless of the reasons for capture, whether for pest control, conservation, fur or food.

As such, the agreement provides a clear framework that will allow the fur industry in both Canada and the EU to develop and maintain jobs. It is also the first document to specifically address international standards of animal welfare.

Mutual Recognition Agreement - Conformity Assessment:

The Canada-European Union Mutual Recognition Agreement (Conformity Assessment) (1998) is a bilateral market access agreement that provides for the acceptance of product approvals prepared in the exporter's jurisdiction to the importing party's regulatory requirements. It covers the following regulated sectors: telecommunications equipment and electromagnetic compatibility; recreational boats; medical devices and pharmaceutical good manufacturing practices; and electrical safety. The MRA will reduce regulatory burdens and transaction costs for globally oriented firms operating in these important high technology sectors.