

CANADA - PARAGUAY TRADE

Canada's bilateral trade with Paraguay during the 1980's has been modest in volume.

Paraguay's exports to Canada are dominated by coffee and it is the dramatic decline in this commodity that has been responsible for the sharp reversal recently witnessed in the balance of trade between the two countries. In 1986, Paraguay shipped \$6.2 million in coffee to Canada; just two years later that figure had fallen to \$.18 million.

Leather, meat and fish extracts, juices, chinawood oil or tung oil, and tea complete the list of Paraguayan exports to Canada.

In 1988, the principal Canadian export items to Paraguay included wheat flour (\$.35 million), milk powder and skim milk (\$.25 million), television cameras (\$.35 million), printed circuits, parts and accessories for chain saws, and commercial telecommunications equipment.

Canada-Paraguay bilateral trade has been characteristically modest, given limited contact between our countries. Canada will, however, endeavour to foster more continuous trade-links with Paraguay in the future, to better respond to emerging market opportunities.