

3. EXPORT AND IMPORT CONTROLS

Canada's export and import control policies have been carefully crafted to incorporate Canadian values and foreign policy objectives. The legal instrument governing these controls is the Export and Import Permits Act, which is administered by the Special Trade Relations Bureau in External Affairs. The Act will impose export or import controls involving select goods or countries if certain situations prevail. These include: to ensure that Canada's national security is not jeopardized; to support other Canadian legislative policies (i.e. the Meat Import Act or the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act); to support inter-governmental arrangements or commitments; to protect articles which are scarce in Canada or in other countries or subject to controls in other countries; and, to encourage processing in Canada of Canadian natural resources.

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