CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION (CCC)

CCC, a Crown corporation, provides Canadian exporters with valuable assistance when they are selling to any foreign government, or to an international organization. In such sales, CCC acts as a prime contractor and guarantor for the sale of Canadian goods and services to the foreign customer.

CCC certifies the Canadian exporter's financial and technical capabilities, and guarantees to the foreign buyer that the terms and conditions of the contract will be met. CCC's participation in a sale provides Canadian suppliers with the tangible backing of their own government, enhancing their credibility and competitiveness in the eyes of foreign customers. This can often lead to the negotiation of more advantageous contract and payment terms.

The Progress Payment Program, developed by CCC in cooperation with Canada's financial institutions, makes preshipment export financing more accessible to small- and medium-sized exporters. The program allows an exporter to draw on a special line of credit, established by his or her principal banker for a particular export sale. In most instances, the borrowing costs will approximate those associated with a typical demand line of credit. The program is available for transactions with foreign government and private sector buyers.

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The Council is a non-profit organization formed in 1987 to promote business interests in Latin American as well as Caribbean countries. The CCA promotes events and programs targetted at expanding business and building networking contacts between Canada and the countries of the region.

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