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For quick reference and reminder, here are some of the main elements.

PRECEDENCE

Officers of the Department of External Affairs and Trade and Commerce will be listed on the basis of seniority as determined by the date of their promotion to their current grades. When two officers have the same seniority, precedence will be given to the one who first arrived at the Post. Officers of other departments posted through External Affairs will be considered as External Affairs F.S.O.'s for purposes of precedence. (See *Official Instructions* 1-20-30).

NOMENCLATURE

Whilst, for signatures on correspondence and listing in Foreign Trade, our officers will continue to use the Trade Commissioner Service ranks, they may, when appropriate, use the diplomatic designation corresponding to their Trade Commissioner Service rank for identification in diplomatic lists. (See *Official Instructions* 1-20-30)

CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

Only External Affairs or Trade and Commerce officers will be appointed as Charge d'Affaires. When an External Affairs officer assumes duties as Charge d'Affaires, the Trade Commissioner will carry on his own duties as he would under normal circumstances. However, when a Trade Commissioner is appointed Charge d'Affaires his duties will include the supervision of the activities of External Affairs officers. (See *Official Instructions* 1-20-40).

SALE OF PERSONALLY OWNED GOODS

F.S.O.'s and F.S.E.'s abroad are reminded of the need to exercise great care to ensure that, in acquiring or disposing of goods under diplomatic franchise, they do not contravene, or appear to contravene any local laws. This is particularly applicable with respect to motor cars. Where there is any possibility that an individual's action might be open to question, the Head of Post should be consulted beforehand. He will be guided, in his decision, by the need to avoid any unfavourable publicity which might reflect discredit on Canada. (See *Official Instructions* 1-23-20).

IMMUNITY

Since Diplomatic Immunity is granted to representatives of Canada abroad in the interests of the Canadian Government, then it follows that the individual cannot himself renounce his immunity to local jurisdiction. Only the Canadian Government has the power to waive the immunity enjoyed by a Canadian Foreign Service Officer. The wife and children of a Foreign Service Officer accredited to a Diplomatic Mission enjoy the same rights to Diplo-