

1. NAME OF SYSTEM

Library (Country Trade Profiles)

2. PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM

To assist officers, primarily desk officers, in preparing quickly a profile of countries related to general economic relations. Such items as aid, Travel, Immigration and key demographic data are also included in country profiles.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM

The system uses the VIP package of COMSHARE on COMSHARE's time sharing computer in Toronto. The computer in Toronto is accessed using terminals from Ottawa through normal telephone lines. Updating of data can take place either by transmitting updates on cassettes or by being prompted by VIP.

4. SCOPE OF THE SYSTEM

Data related to all countries with whom Canada deals with is included in this file (data base). Only bilateral data is available on the system.

5. KEY USERS AFFECTED

Desk officers in DEA; Library of Parliament; CIDA; students and researchers; and the odd query from the general public under the new Access to Information legislation.

6. OPERATED BY

The system is operated by the Library of the Department. The annual cost of the computer part of the system is \$16,000.

7. FREQUENCY OF UPDATE

The automated file is updated continually as new figures become available.

8. KEY INPUTS

A tape from the External Trade Division of Statistics Canada; investment figures Statistics Canada's Daily Bulletin; Canada - U.S. justified trade; United Nations; World bank; CEIC; CIDA; OECD.

9. KEY OUTPUTS

A book of Key Statistics related to Canada's bilateral relations.