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Other Key Markets

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Maghreb

Overview

The Maghreb—which consists of Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia—offers excellent business opportunities for Canadian companies. Algeria and Libya are planning an investment of $150 billion[5] and $120 billion[6] respectively in their infrastructure programs. Besides oil and gas, the Maghreb also has important mineral resources. The Maghreb countries are more than an important market for Canadian durum wheat; they are also making significant purchases of high value-added goods such as aircraft.

In early 2009, Canada granted most favoured nation treatment to Libya.

To search for specific trade and investment barriers to this market, please use our CIMAR Database on Foreign Commercial Barriers.

2008 Maghreb Statistics

	2008	Percentage change since 2007
Population (est)	85.8 million	1.3%
GDP (est)	$415.4 billion	N/A
Canadian Merchandise Exports	$1.4 billion	32.0%
Canadian Services Exports	N/A	N/A
Canadian Merchandise Imports	$7.9 billion	47.7%
Canadian Services Imports	N/A	N/A
CDIA	N/A	N/A
FDI	N/A	N/A

All GDP figures in the tables are quoted at current prices, whereas annual percentage changes of GDP are calculated at constant prices

Market Access Plans and Priorities

- Begin negotiations on a foreign investment promotion and protection agreement with Tunisia in 2009.

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5 www.contre-feux.com/economie/algerie-un-plan-de-soutien-a-1.php