

Services trade with Japan

Declines in travel receipts (down \$315 million) and transportation and government services exports (down \$66 million) were only partially offset by a \$19 million increase in commercial services exports to Japan, resulting in total services exports to Japan falling by \$362 million, or 20.2 per cent, to \$1.4 billion in 2003.

Services imports from Japan fell \$338 million, or 15.0 per cent, to \$1.9 billion last year. The bulk of the decline was in commercial services, which fell \$361 million, while transportation and government services declined a more modest \$5 million. Travel services imports from Japan were on the rise last year, up \$27 million.

With services exports to Japan declining more than services imports from Japan, Canada's bilateral services trade deficit with that country widened by \$24 million, to \$491 million, in 2003.

Services trade with the rest of the world

Canadian service exports to all countries, excepting the United States, the European Union and Japan, fell \$106 million to \$12.1 billion in the year just past. A \$409 million increase in commercial services exports was offset by the combination of a \$330 million decline in travel services exports and a \$182 million drop in transportation and government services exports to the rest of the world.

All three components of services imports from the rest of the world posted increases last year over their 2002 levels. The advances were led by commercial services (up \$489 million), followed by transportation and government services (up \$337 million) and by travel services (up \$318 million). The overall increase in services imports from this region was thus a little over \$1.1 billion last year.

Falling services exports and rising services imports meant that the services trade deficit widened by one and one-quarter billion dollars last year, from a little over \$0.8 billion to almost \$2.1 billion.
