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# IV. YOUR BUSINESS VISIT

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## Consult the Canadian Embassy

When planning your visit to Chile, advise the Commercial Division of the Canadian Embassy in Santiago well in advance of your arrival. Inform the division of the purpose of your visit and forward several copies of product brochures. It is especially helpful if you work out the c.i.f. prices on your product range. You should also list any contacts you may already have in the Chilean business community. With this information, the trade commissioner will be pleased to arrange a tentative itinerary, make hotel reservations if necessary, and set up appointments on your behalf which can be confirmed upon your arrival.

## Travel Documents

Canadians holding a valid passport may enter Chile. No visa is necessary. Persons travelling to Chile for recreation, studies, personal reasons and business are considered tourists. A tourist card, free of charge and valid for 90 days, is issued upon arrival. An extension for an additional three months may be applied for. No photos are needed. If you intend to work in Chile for a period of time, a working visa, obtainable at the Embassy of Chile, Ottawa, or a Chilean consulate, is necessary.

## Internal Travel

In Santiago, taxi and bus service is good and fares are reasonable. Taxis usually have meters; if not, the driver should state the fare in advance; a 50 per cent surcharge applies after 9:00 p.m. weekdays, on Saturday afternoon, Sundays and holidays. Santiago also has a subway system similar in appearance to the one in Montreal. Scheduled air services, provided by LANChile and LADECO, are extensive and frequent within Chile; and charters can be arranged. Advance reservations are strongly recommended.