

FOREIGN DECORATIONS

1-90 Foreign Decorations Offered to Canadians

1-90-1 The present Government policy prohibits the acceptance of foreign
(1-90-1) awards by Canadian civilians and members of the Canadian armed forces, except where such awards are made:

(a) in recognition of distinguished service in the saving of a life;

(b) for services in connection with the United Nations operations in Korea.

1-90-2 This rule is applicable to Canadians in the service of the Canadian Govern-
(1-90-2) ment, whether at home or abroad, including personnel of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

1-90-3 Offers by foreign governments to confer awards on Canadian citizens
(1-90-3) should therefore be declined with an explanation of the Canadian policy unless they fall within the exceptions in 1-50-1. Copies of any correspondence in this connection with the local foreign ministry should be referred to the Department.

1-90-4 Offers that are acceptable or that are considered doubtful as coming under
(1-90-4) the exceptions in 1-50-1 should be submitted to the Department. The Department will in turn refer such offers to the Department of External Affairs which will refer them to the Inter-departmental Awards Co-ordination Committee for a ruling. Posts abroad should also refer cases concerning Canadian citizens who are at the same time citizens of a foreign country, or who have a greater actual connection with a foreign country than with Canada.

1-90-5 At posts where there is a mission, such offers will be referred to the Head
(1-90-5) of Mission who will take the necessary action in each case.