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Merchandise Trade

In 2009, Canada's bilateral merchandise trade with Macedonia totalled \$24.6 million, consisting of \$15.9 million in Canadian exports to, and \$8.7 million in imports from, Macedonia. While exports from Canada to Macedonia have increased significantly over the last 10 years (692%), imports have decreased by 39%. It should be noted, however, that trade between the two countries varies considerably from year to year.

Macedonia is neither a significant export destination nor a major source of imports for Canada. Macedonia was Canada's 124th largest export destination worldwide and its 123rd largest source of imports in 2009.

At the provincial level, Quebec and Ontario accounted for more than 80% of Canada's total exports to Macedonia in 2009. In that year, Quebec exported \$7.4 million in goods to Macedonia and Ontario exported \$5.4 million.

British Columbia and Quebec have seen the fastest growth in exports to Macedonia in recent years. From 2004 to 2009, exports from British Columbia grew an average of 45% per year; the average for Quebec was 40%.

Figure 1

Merchandise Trade

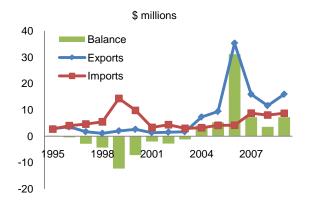


Figure 2

Importance to Canada

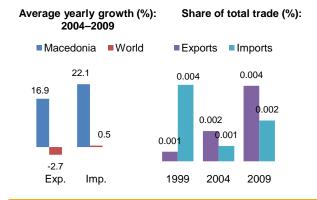
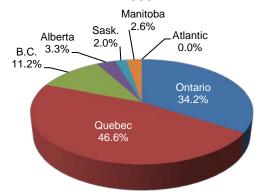


Figure 3

Exports by Province/Territory – 2009



Products

Meat, particularly pork products, was the only significant Canadian export to Macedonia in 2009.

Imports to Canada from Macedonia are dominated by clothing and apparel (woven), and tobacco and substitutes. Together, these two product categories made up about 63% of Canada's total imports from Macedonia in 2009. The other leading imported products in that year were footwear and prepared vegetables.

In 2009, Canada had a trade surplus with Macedonia in most product categories. The exceptions were textiles, a category in which Canada had a trade deficit of \$4.3 million.

Data on trade in services and on foreign direct investment between Canada and Macedonia are not available.

Figure 4

Major Export Products

\$ millions

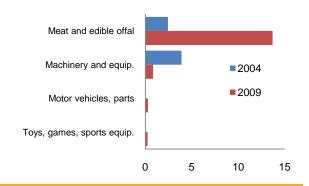


Figure 5

Major Import Products

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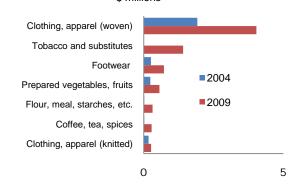


Figure 6

Balance by Category

\$ millions

