

# DHL CANADA FACT SHEET



## OVERVIEW

Canada has one of the most advanced and stable economies in the world. Though 75 per cent of all Canadians live within 161 km of the US-Canada border, the country is relatively self sufficient. Canada therefore weathered the global recession comparatively well, posting the strongest growth among G7 countries between 2008 and 2010. The country's financial system is well-regulated and robust: in 2013, the World Economic Forum ranked it as the world's most stable for the sixth consecutive year.

With one of the world's most educated workforces, Canada is competitive in innovation-intensive sectors such as ICT, clean energy and the life sciences. Combined with the country's immense natural resources, which include natural gas, copper and the world's second-largest deposits of crude oil, Canada is therefore poised for further growth.

To maximise its international trade potential, Canada is actively building its global trade networks: the country is participating in negotiations around the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a free-trade zone among Asian-Pacific nations.

The UK is Canada's second-biggest trading partner behind the USA, with £15.1 billion in bilateral trade in 2012. In October 2013, the European Union (EU) and Canada reached an agreement on the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), which will remove about 99 per cent of all tariffs between the two economies. British businesses, especially in the automobile, wine, pharmaceutical, dairy and poultry sectors, are expected to benefit significantly when the deal is implemented: it is projected to inject £1.3 billion into the UK economy, boost British exports to Canada by 29 per cent and create thousands of new jobs.

Sources: Department of Finance Canada, European Commission, GOV.UK, National Geographic, OECD, World Bank, World Economic Forum



## DHL FACTS

<b>Locations:</b>	95
<b>Gateways into the Country:</b>	8
<b>Number of Service Centres:</b>	12
<b>DHL Delivery Zone:</b>	7
<b>Vehicle Fleet:</b>	243

## Country Profile

<b>Capital</b>	Ottawa
<b>Population</b>	34.8 million
<b>Area</b>	9,984,670 sq km
<b>Currency</b>	1 Canadian dollar (CAD) = 100 cent
<b>GDP</b>	US\$ 1.518 trillion (2013 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	English, French, Punjabi, Italian, Spanish, German, Cantonese, Tagalog, Arabic, other
<b>Ethnic Groups</b>	Canadian 32.2%, English 19.8%, French 15.5%, Scottish 14.4%, Irish 13.8%, German 9.8%, Italian 4.5%, Chinese 4.5%, North American Indian 4.2%, other 50.9%



## TRADE INFORMATION

### Exports from Canada

US\$ 458.7 billion (2013 est.)

#### Export commodities

Motor vehicles and parts, industrial machinery, aircraft, telecommunications equipment, chemicals, plastics, fertilisers, wood pulp, timber, crude petroleum, natural gas, electricity, aluminium.

#### Top Export Destinations

USA, Italy, China, India, Belgium, UK, France, Taiwan, Germany, Japan.

### Imports into Canada

US\$ 471 billion (2013 est.)

#### Import commodities

Machinery and equipment, motor vehicles and parts, crude oil, chemicals, electricity, durable consumer goods.

#### Top Import Origins

Germany, USA, Italy, China, UK, France, Hong Kong, Mexico.

Source: DHL, CIA World Factbook

**DUTY FREE ALLOWANCE** Values up to \$20 CAD

### UK to Canada Transit Times

The times provided for dutiable shipments are based on the time expected for customs in Canada to clear the shipment. This is contingent upon the value of the shipment.

<b>Ottawa</b>	Non-Dutiable: 4 days	Dutiable: 4 days
<b>Quebec</b>	Non-Dutiable: 3 days	Dutiable: 3 days
<b>Montreal</b>	Non-Dutiable: 3 days	Dutiable: 3 days
<b>Toronto</b>	Non-Dutiable: 3 days	Dutiable: 3 days
<b>Vancouver</b>	Non-Dutiable: 3 days	Dutiable: 3 days



### For more information

If you need support or advice on trading with Canada, help is available.

Contact the DHL Express team on **0844 248 0675**

DHL Customer Services is also available on **0844 248 0844**

Contact your local Chambers of Commerce  
**www.britishchambers.org.uk**

Contact your local UKTI **www.ukti.gov.uk**

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## ESSENTIAL CUSTOMS INFORMATION

For an estimate of landed costs (duties, taxes and other import fees) for shipments going to the Canada, use the free DHL Express Trade Automation Services (TAS) tool. **tas.dhl.com** TAS also provides information on regulation compliance and trade documentation.

DHL Customs Brokerage must have on file a signed Canadian Power of Attorney authorisation and Registered Business Number (BN) or, in the case of DDP (Deliver Duty Paid), the shipper's Power of Attorney and Non-Resident BN. These are required to clear shipments into Canada. Contact DHL Customer Services if you require assistance.

### Prohibited Items

DHL's standard list of prohibited items applies; no additional prohibitions.

### Restricted Items

#### Alcoholic beverages

Cannot be cleared by DHL. Must be cleared by outside broker designated by Local Government Agency.

#### Credit cards (NI)

Dutiable regardless of quantity or reason for import.

**Documents including advertising brochures / pamphlets, airline tickets: blank stock / issued / validated, annual reports, booklets & brochures (non-advertisement), blank forms, business cards, calendars, cashier cheques, computer printouts, deeds, general business documents including photos as part of business reports, invoices (not blank), manuscripts, price lists and shipping schedules**

The minimum accepted value for documents is the cost to produce the material. Non-commercial document shipments (no sale involved or COMAT): the generally accepted rate for valuation is \$0.04 CAD per kg. Documents valued over \$20 CAD send as goods. Commercial document shipments (sale is involved): declare true transaction value on Waybill.

#### Foodstuffs

Controlled by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Shipments may be refused or require additional documents (zoo-sanitary certificate, Import Declaration or Import Permit) for clearance.

#### Medical samples

Clearly state 'NON-CONTAMINATED' on the waybill and supporting documents. Adhere to all International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations for transportation. Health Canada may inspect.

#### Passports and visa applications

Subject to inspection by Canada Border Services Agency.

#### Personal effects

Must be cleared by receiver unless the receiver is willing to pay duties and taxes based on value stipulated by Customs after inspection.

#### Tobacco

Cannot be cleared by DHL. Strictly regulated by Government Agency.

For **x-ray machines** please contact DHL Customer Services before shipping.