



Doing Business In Canada

A Practical Guide

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The progressive global liberalization of international trade and investment has generated new opportunities to expand business activities across national borders.

Canada has been at the forefront of this initiative both globally — through participation in the World Trade Organization — and bilaterally — through its participation in the North American Free Trade Agreement and bilateral free trade agreements with each of Costa Rica, Chile, Panama, Israel, South Korea, Columbia, Jordan, Peru and the European Free Trade Association. Canada is also a party to 34 bilateral investment treaties, the last of which was signed with China in 2012.

Doing Business in Canada provides a general overview of key legal aspects of the Canadian business environment. It has been prepared to assist anyone who is considering establishing or acquiring a business in Canada.

The intent of this publication is to provide a practical reference to doing business in Canada. The information contained herein should not be taken as legal advice, and is not an exhaustive analysis of all provisions of Canadian law with which your business may be required to comply. Readers are urged to consult legal counsel for advice on specific questions or issues.

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