



LIBRARY of PARLIAMENT  
BIBLIOTHÈQUE du PARLEMENT

## TRADE AND INVESTMENT



### Canada–Algeria

Publication No. 2013-44-E  
9 July 2013

**Pascal Tremblay**

Economics, Resources and International Affairs Division  
Parliamentary Information and Research Service

The Library of Parliament ***Trade and Investment*** series provides information on Canada's trade and investment relationship with the world and with selected countries. The series also describes the merchandise trade relationship that each of Canada's 10 provinces and three territories has with the world. These publications are prepared by the Parliamentary Information and Research Service, which carries out research for and provides information and analysis to parliamentarians and Senate and House of Commons committees and parliamentary associations.

© Library of Parliament, Ottawa, Canada, 2013

*Canada–Algeria*  
(Trade and Investment Series)

Publication No. 2013-44-E

Ce document est également publié en français.

## CONTENTS

MERCHANDISE TRADE.....	1
PRODUCTS .....	2
SERVICES AND INVESTMENT .....	3



## Merchandise Trade

In 2012, Canada–Algeria merchandise trade totalled \$6.4 billion, comprised of \$419.7 million in Canadian exports to, and \$6.0 billion in imports from, Algeria.

The value of Canada's exports to Algeria increased by 69.1% between 2011 and 2012, while the value of Canada's imports from the country increased by 9.0%.

Algeria was Canada's 41<sup>st</sup> largest export destination worldwide in 2012. In that year, it was Canada's eighth largest source of imports globally.

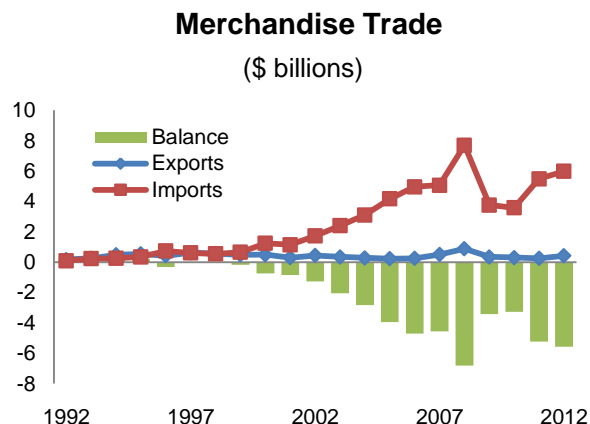
Over the 2007 to 2012 period, the value of Canada's exports to Algeria decreased at an average annual rate of 3.6%, compared to an increase of 0.2% worldwide. The value of Canada's exports to the country as a share of the value of Canada's total exports in 2012, as in 2007, was 0.1%.

The value of Canada's imports from Algeria increased at an average annual rate of 3.4% over the 2007 to 2012 period, compared to 2.6% worldwide. The value of Canada's imports from the country as a share of the value of Canada's total imports increased from 1.2% in 2007 to 1.3% in 2012.

At the provincial/territorial level, Saskatchewan and Alberta together accounted for 90.1% of the value of Canada's exports to Algeria in 2012, with exports valued at \$306.5 million and \$71.7 million respectively.

Over the 2007 to 2012 period, the fastest-growing provincial exporters to Algeria were Manitoba and Saskatchewan, with average annual growth rates of 34.0% and 9.8% respectively.

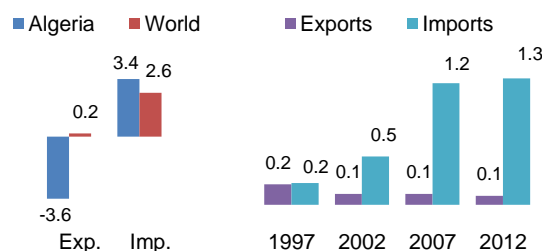
### Figure 1



### Figure 2

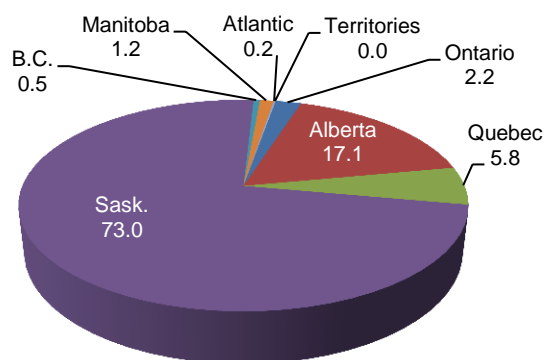
#### Importance to Canada

Average yearly growth (%): 2007–2012      Share of total trade (%):



### Figure 3

#### Exports by Province/Territory – 2012 (%)



All figures were prepared using Statistics Canada data available in spring 2013.

The merchandise trade data are customs-based; the services trade and foreign direct investment data are balance of payments-based.

## Products

In 2012, resource-based goods accounted for 88.3% of the value of Canada's exports to Algeria, with manufactured goods representing the remaining 11.7%. This composition had changed significantly since 2007, when manufactured goods and resource-based goods accounted for 54.0% and 46.0% respectively of the value of Canada's exports to the country.

Canada's highest-valued exports to Algeria in 2012 were wheat, leguminous vegetables and turbojets, which together accounted for 88.9% of the value of Canada's exports to the country. The value of Canada's wheat, leguminous vegetable and turbojet exports to Algeria increased from \$182.3 million, \$38.1 million and \$3.4 million respectively in 2007 to \$326.5 million, \$41.1 million and \$5.4 million respectively in 2012.

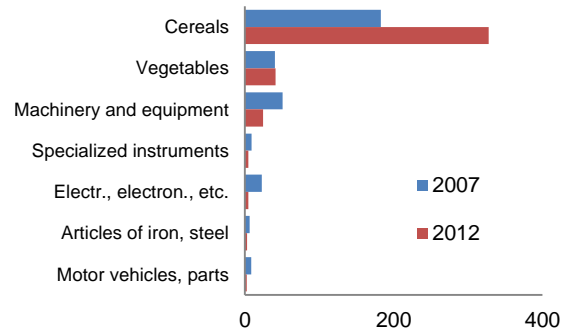
In 2012, resource-based goods represented 99.7% of the value of Canada's imports from Algeria, while manufactured goods accounted for the remaining 0.3%. This composition had changed slightly since 2007, when resource-based goods and manufactured goods accounted for 98.6% and 1.4% respectively of the value of Canada's imports from the country.

Canada's highest-valued import from Algeria in 2012 was crude petroleum oil, which accounted for 99.7% of the value of Canada's imports from the country. The value of Canada's crude petroleum oil imports from Algeria increased from \$5.0 billion in 2007 to \$6.0 billion in 2012.

In 2012, Canada had a trade deficit with Algeria in the metals, mines and energy product category. It had trade surpluses with the country in all other product categories in that year.

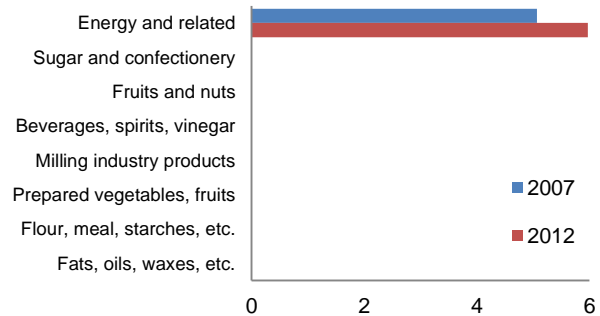
### Figure 4

#### Major Export Products (\$ millions)



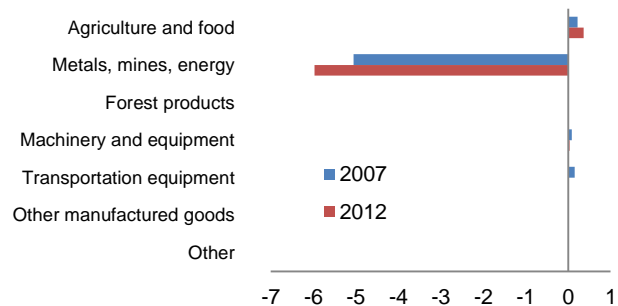
### Figure 5

#### Major Import Products (\$ billions)



### Figure 6

#### Balance by Category (\$ billions)



All figures were prepared using Statistics Canada data available in spring 2013.

The merchandise trade data are customs-based; the services trade and foreign direct investment data are balance of payments-based.

## Services and Investment

While data are not available on Canada's direct services trade relationship with Algeria, they are available on Canada's aggregate services trade with Africa's Maghreb countries: Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia and the Western Sahara region.

In 2010, the most recent year for which data are available, Canada's services trade with the Maghreb countries totalled almost \$1.2 billion, comprised of \$787.0 million in Canadian exports to, and \$377.0 million in imports from, these countries.

The value of Canada's services exports to the Maghreb countries increased by 4.5% between 2009 and 2010, while the value of Canada's services imports from these countries grew by 35.1%.

In 2010, Canada's services trade surplus with the Maghreb countries was mainly the result of trade in commercial services. In that year, Canada's exports of commercial services to these countries were valued at \$522.0 million, while its imports of such services were valued at \$140.0 million.

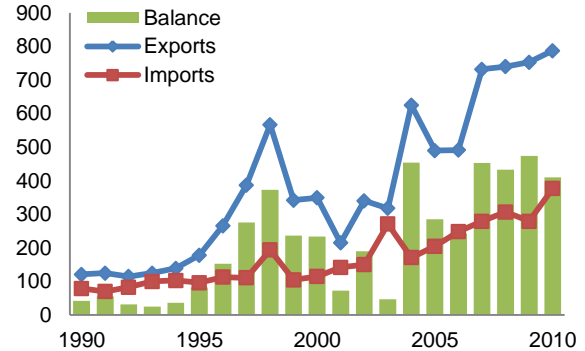
In 2007, the most recent year for which data are available, the stock of Canadian direct investment in Algeria totalled \$190.0 million, making it the 55<sup>th</sup> largest destination for Canadian foreign investment among the 69 countries for which data were available.

*Data on Algerian or aggregate Maghreb countries' direct investment in Canada are not available.*

### Figure 7

#### Services Trade

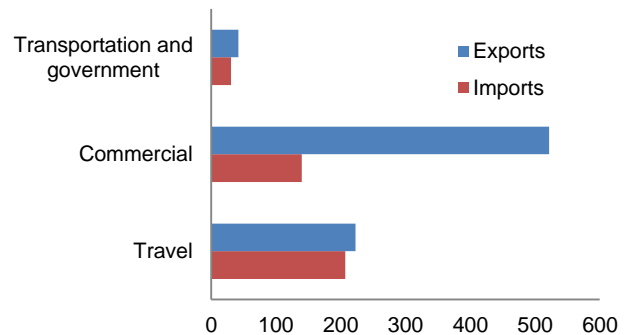
(\$ millions)



### Figure 8

#### Services Trade by Type – 2010

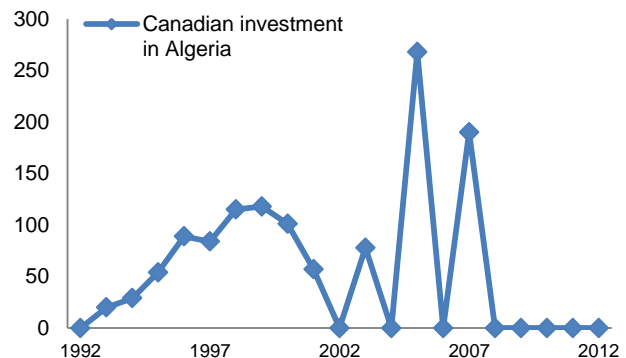
(\$ millions)



### Figure 9

#### Foreign Direct Investment

(\$ millions)



All figures were prepared using Statistics Canada data available in spring 2013.

The merchandise trade data are customs-based; the services trade and foreign direct investment data are balance of payments-based.