

Canada-Jordan Free Trade Agreement

On September 15, 2009 the Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway tabled in the House of Commons the texts of the Canada-Jordan Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and related Agreements on Labour Cooperation and the Environment for 21 sitting days for review under the Treaties in Parliament policy ([News Release and Backgrounder - September 15, 2009](#)). A Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA) signed between Canada and Jordan was also tabled in Parliament at the same time ([Canada-Jordan FIPA](#)).

The Treaties in Parliament process allows Members of Parliament to review and debate the Agreements during the 21 sitting day period. Once the period elapses, the government may take legal steps to bring the Agreements into force, including introducing legislation to implement the Agreements, as necessary.

It is anticipated that the FTA and related Agreements on the Environment and Labour Cooperation could be brought into force in early 2010.

Minister Day signed the four new Agreements to increase trade and investment between Canada and Jordan at a ceremony with his counterpart, Jordan's Minister of Trade Amer Hadidi ([News Release](#)) on June 28, 2009.

Once implemented, the FTA will expand Canada-Jordan trade and help further strengthen our bilateral relationship. An FTA with Jordan also demonstrates the importance that Canada places on further developing relations with Jordan, especially given its role as a moderate Arab state that promotes peace and security in the Middle East