



Dear EDC customer,

For today's business leaders, the complex trade environment is further complicated by the issue of corrupt practices in international trade. In addition to the moral implications, corruption impedes the free and efficient flow of goods and services and inhibits economic growth. Getting caught up in corruption, even unwittingly, can have serious consequences for your company.

As Canada's official export credit agency helping to facilitate international trade for Canadian exporters and investors, Export Development Canada (EDC) strives to share relevant information about trade-related issues on an ongoing basis. In keeping with this objective, we've prepared for our customers the attached document, [Keeping Corruption Out](#).

Businesses operating internationally are advised to review Canada's [Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act](#) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) [Good Practice Guidance](#).

Transparency International Canada, the Canadian chapter of the world's leading non-governmental organization dedicated to combatting corruption, also provides an [anti-corruption self-assessment compliance checklist](#).

In order to avoid the risks of corruption, it's important to fully understand Canadian legislation to ensure that your company has the appropriate policies and procedures in place, and that your employees and agents, partners and representatives are well-educated on this issue.

I am hopeful you'll find the information provided in this letter useful.

Yours sincerely,

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