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Mr. Dustin Menger
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Dear Mr. Menger:

In response to your correspondence dated September 12, 2018 the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - International Events and Convention Services Program (IECSP) officially recognizes the following event:

GeoConvention 2019
May 13 - 15, 2019
Calgary Telus Convention Centre
Calgary, Alberta

The information provided to the CBSA states there will be approximately 3200 attendees to which 5% are foreign to Canada and that the event is open to the general public with sales available.

As outlined in your correspondence, this event is expecting approximately 10 foreign exhibitors who are importing display booths and product/industry related literature for use at the event.

It should be noted that, non-Canadian exhibitors may import display items and exhibit booths, temporarily as outlined in the provisions of tariff classification **9993.00.00.00** duty free, on the condition that the goods will be exported from Canada upon the completion of the event.

Goods imported for sale are not eligible under tariff No. 9993.00.00.00. These goods must be accounted for at time of release on a [Form B3](#), *Canada Customs Coding Form*. Commercial release processing is fully explained in Customs Memorandum [D17-1-5](#).

Goods imported as “giveaways” must be accounted for at time of release on a [Form B3](#), Canada Customs Coding Form with all applicable duties and/or taxes collected at the time of importation.

Under certain circumstances, the CBSA will require a security deposit on goods temporarily imported to Canada. These goods are normally documented on the Temporary Admission Permit (Form E29B).

At the time of exportation, goods granted temporary admission on a Form E29B or Carnet must be presented along with importer’s/owner’s copies of the appropriate documentation to CBSA for verification and certification. This presentation may occur at a CBSA office inland or at the port of export, depending on the circumstances involved and is necessary for you to receive a refund of any securities posted. Please note that the refund is not immediate.

Davidson & Sons Customs Brokers LTD. has been designated as the official customs broker for this event. If you have any questions regarding importing meeting materials into Canada or if you wish to inquire as to the brokerage services provided, please contact Linda Vandop at (403) 605-1822.

CBSA requires everyone seeking admission into Canada to properly declare themselves to CBSA by providing accurate identification. CBSA will accept a valid passport as proof of citizenship.

Persons who have been convicted of any criminal offences may be inadmissible to Canada. For more information please visit: www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility/index.asp

If you have attendees from visa-requiring countries (www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp), please contact the Special Events Unit of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) at special.events@cic.gc.ca with the specifics of your event. They will assess the visa requirements of your event.

Foreign nationals may engage in exhibiting, selling or displaying goods without a work permit provided they are not selling to the general public. Direct sales to the general public require a work permit. For more information please visit: www.cic.gc.ca/english/work/index.asp

Visa-exempt foreign nationals, excluding U.S. citizens, now require an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. For more information please visit: www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp

To facilitate border procedures it is recommended that all exhibitors, carriers, organizers and foreign attendees be provided a copy of this letter for presentation to a CBSA Border Services Officer upon their arrival to Canada.

In conjunction with the presentation of this Recognition Letter, an itemized list of goods including a description, country of origin, quantity and value is required for presentation to CBSA. If your event materials will be imported by a commercial carrier or courier service, a copy of this letter should also be attached to any shipping documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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*Individuals have the right of access to, the protection and correction of their personal information under the **Privacy Act – Section 12**. The information collected is described under the **International Events Personal Information Bank CBSA PPU 040** which is detailed at www.cbsa.gc.ca/agency-agence/reports-rapports/pia-efvp/atip-aiprp/infosource-eng.html*

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