



Conventions Services Program
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Dear Christine Bennett,

This is in response to your letter of March 5, 2009, as the CBSA Conventions Services Program has officially recognized your event and granted permission to import goods for this event only.

8th Annual BioPartnering North America Conference

January 24-26, 2010

Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina
Vancouver, BC

You have requested Border-to-Show for your event. I am pleased to authorize this service for your event. CBSA - CSP has advised its ports of entry to allow your goods to move directly to the show site (once they have been reported to CBSA at the first port of entry) where officials will perform the necessary clearance procedures.

According to your letter, your event is closed to the general public and you are expecting 1,000 attendees. Event organizers will be importing for meeting purposes only, name badges, programs, promotional literature, office machines and supplies. Additionally, you have confirmed there will be no sales of merchandise on the exhibit floor and you will have giveaways for your delegates valued at \$50.00 CAD.

Your event qualifies as a foreign event under classification **9830.00.00.00** and any imported conference materials (i.e., official paraphernalia, souvenirs, printed matter, pens, decorations, etc.) can enter Canada free of duty and taxes providing the items are exported at the end of the event. To enjoy this tax-free status on imported goods it is important that the event is not open to the general public.

Foreign exhibitors may import goods such as: display items, exhibit booths and convention materials temporarily under the provisions of tariff item **9993.00.00.00**, providing **the goods will be exported** at the end of the event. Please note that any/all goods remaining in Canada will be assessed duties and taxes accordingly.



Any foreign exhibitors importing goods into Canada should check with U.S. Customs prior to shipping your convention goods, as the requirement is any goods over \$2000. U.S. must be reported to U.S. Customs. They can document your goods on the form 4455 so they can identify the goods on your return to the U.S.

Nationals of other countries may engage in exhibiting, selling or displaying goods without a work permit from Citizenship & Immigration providing they are not selling to the general public. Direct sales to the public at large require a work permit. Exhibitors engaged in direct sales to the public, where goods are delivered at the time of sale, are considered to be entering the labor market and a work permit is required. Additional information on work permits is available on the CIC Web site at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/work/index.asp>.

CBSA requires everyone seeking admission into Canada to properly declare themselves to CBSA by providing accurate identification. CBSA will accept a valid passport or birth certificate along with supporting documents to establish citizenship.

If you will have attendees from visa requiring countries <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp>, contact the Special Events Unit of Citizenship and Immigration Canada at special.events@cic.gc.ca with the specifics of your event. They will assess the visa requirements for your event.

If you have been convicted of a criminal offence, you must contact the Canadian Embassy in your area or check the website below, to confirm requirements for entry into Canada. <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/faq-inadmissibility.asp>

To facilitate Customs procedures at the time of entry into Canada, we suggest a copy of this letter be given to each exhibitor who is importing goods into Canada for this event.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions or require further assistance. We are available at (604) 775 - 5379, or facsimile (604) 666-4470.

Regards,

Mark Bourne

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cc: Service Plus International Inc.

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