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International Events and Convention Services Program
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Canadian Ophthalmological Society
110-2733 Lancaster Rd.
Ottawa, ON K1B 0A9

Attention: Christine Bruce

Dear Ms. Bruce:

In response to your correspondence dated July 20, 2021; the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - International Events and Convention Services Program (IECSP) officially recognizes the following event:

COS Annual Meeting and Exhibition
June 8 - 12, 2022
Halifax Convention Centre
Halifax, Nova Scotia

The information provided to the CBSA states there will be approximately 1200-1400 attendees to which 15% are foreign to Canada and that the event is closed to the general public with no sales.

As outlined in your correspondence, this event is expecting approximately 10 foreign exhibitors who are importing booth structures, banners and literature for display 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 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.

ConsultExpo Event Services 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 Diane Labbé Deegan at 514-482-8886 ext.2.

To limit the further spread of coronavirus in Canada, new travel restrictions are in place across all border crossings. Please review the following link carefully to determine if you are eligible to enter Canada:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

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.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility.html

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.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/apply.html

Are you flying into Canada? Would you like to potentially cut your processing time in half? The CanBorder – eDeclaration app for your smart phone is quick, simple and secure, operates in airplane mode (once downloaded) and allows you to create a declaration for up to five travellers with the same place of residence. For more information please visit: www.cbsa.gc.ca/new-neuf/app-eng.html

To facilitate border procedures it is recommended that all exhibitors and 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,

Janice Duggan

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Canada Border Services Agency

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*The information you provide in this document is collected under the authority of **Section 107(9) of the Customs Act** for the purpose of the facilitation of border coordination services for organizers of international events being held in Canada. The information may be disclosed to Other Government departments and/or Agencies (e.g. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) for the purposes of providing assistance with admissibility requirements.*

*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*